

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MINUTES OF
September 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Nelson at 8:06 p.m. President Nelson announced that the meeting is being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act". Public Notice of this meeting was hand delivered to the Clerk of the Township of Ocean and posted at the Oakhurst Firehouse on March 8, 2017, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 8, 2017.

After a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was observed.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members were present: Russ Williams, John Morrow, Scott Nelson and Stu Newman. Fire District Administrator / Fire Marshal Craig Flannigan, District Mechanic Chris Sorrentino and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present. Commissioner Reu was not present.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meetings were placed on the table for everyone's review, comments or corrections. There were no corrections noted, the Board by motion accepted them as written. There were no questions or corrections pertaining to the August 28, 2017 regular minutes and the September 11, 2017 work session? Nelson moved for them to be accepted as written. Second by Williams. There were no questions to the motion. Roll call vote of Nelson, Morrow, Newman and Williams was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

EXPENSES:

The Bills were reviewed by the Commissioners prior to the meeting and found to be OK. Copies of the bill list were on the table for anyone to review. A Resolution

to pay the Bills totaling \$37,186.07 was presented by Commissioner Morrow. It was seconded by Williams. There were no questions. Roll call vote of yes was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATION's REPORTS:

Chief Guarda: Not Present

1st Assistant Chief Fiorentino: Not Present

2nd Assistant Chief Reu: Not Present

Captain Edson: No Report

1st Lt. Williams: No Report

2nd Lt. Diorio: No Report

FAS Captain Beringer: No report

1st Lt. Halsey: Not Present

Sergeant Diorio: No Report

Fire Marshal C. Flannigan - reported 309 inspections, including 20 State Registered Establishments and 1 investigation was conducted during the month. Fees collected for the month totaled \$11,727.00.

District Mechanic C. Sorrentino:

1. Update on 74

Parts came in late Friday picked them up and put in and tested frank coming today to look needs new pressure switch be in tomorrow morning .

2. Computers are installed in cabinets at both stations for Spillman and I am responding

3. 88 oil leak fixed and did oil change with new filters

4. 75 had shift linkage replaced in pump and also switch

5. Installed 2 new alternators in 58

6. Took all stakes off of the trees out front and also put pipe on the front 3 to stop the deer

7. Called Chevy last week to schedule to have recall repaired they are waiting on parts to come in they told me to call later this week

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Nelson – The month of October is a very busy time for the Fire Prevention Bureau. The Board would like to proclaim October 8-14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week. Nelson read the following proclamation:

**Township of Ocean Fire District # 1
Fire Prevention Week Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Township of Ocean Fire District #1 is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Ocean Township; and

WHEREAS, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and

WHEREAS, U.S. home fires resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in 2015, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions; and

WHEREAS, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and

WHEREAS, practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;

WHEREAS, the Township of Ocean Fire District #1 first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Ocean Township residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year;

THEREFORE, I Scott Nelson Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Township of Ocean Fire District # 1 do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community, and I urge all the people of Ocean Township Fire District #1 to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of the Fire Prevention Bureau during Fire Prevention Week 2017.

There was no further business presented before the Board. The meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Flannigan
Fire District Administrator

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Items for Discussion prior to the Meeting:

- W/C settlement for Miguel Guarda
- Attorney & Accountant update
- 74 update
- Year end purchases
- Budget update
- Station 2 parking lot update