

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

WORK SESSION  
August 13, 2018

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:34 pm. A salute to the American flag and a moment of silence followed.

This 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 7, 2018, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 7, 2018.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

The following Board members were present: Scott Nelson, Tom Reu, Johnn Morrow, Russell Williams and Stuart Newman. Fire District Administrator / Fire Marshal Craig Flannigan, District Mechanic Chris Sorrentino, and the Fire Department Officers were also present.

## **Correspondents:**

The Board sent the attached email to Fire District #2 to make them aware that we are starting to upgrade our communication equipment.

Good afternoon everyone,

First, we hope everyone is having a great summer. The Board asked me to write you to inform you that they have decided to start upgrading the District's communication equipment. This upgrade will take time but the Board felt you should be aware of this upgrade since it will directly affect our current procedures. We have met with the Sheriff over the past few months and discussed the County's plans with regards to the trunk system. Sheriff Golden reiterated this system is the future and will be required by all agencies at some point.

With that said, the Board has started discussing and researching what would be required to upgrade our communication equipment to be compatible with the Monmouth County Trunk System. We are in the process of completing a four year upgrade plan that includes portable and mobile radios along with trunk pagers. As we all know the new equipment is extremely expensive and will take time to acquire all the necessary equipment. The Board discussed whether to make one large capital purchase or upgrade over a select period of time and for a few reasons they have decided to upgrade over a three or four year period.

Please note, the Board is not asking you to upgrade your equipment but felt you should be kept aware of our future plans. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. The Board would also be happy to meet as a group to discuss this upgrade or anything else you feel is important.

Best regards,

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**EXPENSES:**

**Reu** - The Bills this evening 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. Reu offered the motion to pay the Bills totaling \$37,190.16. Seconded by Williams. There were no questions. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the resolution. Reu offered the motion to transfer funds from the Operating Account to the Payroll Account in the amount of \$40,000. Seconded by Williams. There were no questions. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

**BUSINESS:**

**Old:** None

**New:** None

**ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

Fire Chief Fiorentino: No Report

1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Reu: Not Present

2nd Asst. Chief Edson: Thanked everyone for helping during a busy week for the company.

Captain R. Williams: There will be a fitting for Class B's Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Diorio: Not Present

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. J. Williams: No Report

Fire Marshal C. Flannigan: The state hasn't provided any dates yet for the traffic lights on the highway.

District Mechanic Sorrentino: Gave report

Questions or comments: None

Adjournment – 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,



*Craig Flannigan*

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