

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

Township of Ocean
72 Larkin Place
Oakhurst, NJ 07755



Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 11, 2024

6:30 pm

Board Conference Room

Board of Fire Commissioners

President Thomas Reu – Not Present

Commissioner Stuart Newman

Commissioner Andrew Beringer

Commissioner Alan Roussell

Commissioner Sean Donohue

WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT #1
TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
(6:30)

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Meeting Dates and Times were sent to the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster, posted in Town Hall, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- District Banks cards are complete – Everyone can sign district checks. EMS cards will be ready to complete tonight.
- 2023 Audit begins on Monday and should last until Thursday or Friday.
- ARP Grant –
 - Awarded the 2024 Grant for 75k. Gear and Washer / Dryer
 - 2023 Grant has been deposited into the Board's account – 29k (exhaust system)
 - Rescue Equipment - \$98K – Folder in Teams – Rescue Equipment
 - 72 – Cutter -Spreader – Rams – Chargers
 - 78 – Match 72 plus airbags – struts
 - 91 – Combo tool
 - Including miscellaneous items
 - Foam – Green
 - The need to purchase new foam was discussed. Chris is working on price quotes.
 - Getting a quote on a new Dumpster
 - Retired apparatus plaques
 - 90 Committee? The last payment for 72 is 9-2026

Closed session:
Resolution 2024-03-01
Authorizing Executive Session

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District 1 of the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth, as follows:

- Promotion – New Senior Fire Inspector position
- District Employee salary range update

Moved by: Newman. Second by Roussell. There were no questions. The roll call vote of yes was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

AGENDA
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT #1
TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
(7:30 pm)

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Meeting Dates and Times were sent to the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster, posted in Town Hall, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members were present: Andrew Beinger, Stu Newman, Alan Roussell, and Sean Donohue. Fire District Administrator / Fire Marshal Craig Flannigan, District Mechanic Chris Sorrentino, and Fire Department Officers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

EXPENSES:

Beringer - The Bills were reviewed by the Commissioners and found acceptable. Copies of the bill list are on the table for anyone to review.

RESOLUTION 2024-03-02
APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS TOTALING \$43,556.38

Second by Roussell. There were no questions. The roll call vote of yes was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Donohue: The Board recognizes that introducing an additional fire bureau position is essential to effectively managing the office's escalating demands. Creating this new position is seen as a proactive approach to balancing the office's needs, ensuring operational efficiency, and fostering the career growth of qualified individuals within the fire bureau.

Offered:

RESOLUTION 2024-03-04
**APPOINTING PATRICK MANNION TO THE POSITION OF SENIOR FIRE
INSPECTOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024**

Second by Beringer. There were no questions. The roll call vote of yes was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

Roussell: The Fire Officers have requested rescue equipment to replace the department's older equipment.

Offered:

RESOLUTION 2024-03-05
**APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES
FROM ESI EQUIPMENT INC. AND CONTINENTAL FIRE & SAFETY AT A COST
NOT TO EXCEED \$119,500.00**

Tools - NJSC# 17-FLEET-00820
Accessories -NJSC# 17-FLEET-00757

Second by Donoue. There were no questions. The roll call vote of yes was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

Newman: The Board proudly announces that one of our junior members, Joey Valentino, has been named the National Junior Firefighter of the Year. The NVFC will release the announcement nationally tomorrow and follow up with various media over the next month or so, culminating in the awards banquet in Washington, DC, on April 26.

Offered:

PROCLAMATION 2024-03-01
**RECOGNIZING JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER JOSEPH VALENTINO FOR BEING NAMED
NATIONAL JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Joseph Valentino has demonstrated exceptional dedication and service as a Junior Member of our Fire District; and

WHEREAS, Joseph has been recognized by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) as the National Junior Firefighter of the Year for his outstanding contributions as a Junior Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Joseph's achievements have earned him the esteemed title of National Junior Firefighter of the Year, a distinction awarded after a rigorous selection process that considered candidates from all fifty states, various territories, and protectorates; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2024, the NVFC will officially announce Joseph's accomplishment nationwide, followed by extensive media coverage, culminating in the prestigious awards banquet scheduled to be held in Washington, DC, on April 26.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board recognizes Joseph Valentino outstanding participation and unwavering commitment as a Junior Firefighter in the Township of Ocean Fire District No. 1. The community takes immense pride in commending him and expresses sincere gratitude for his continued dedication to the Fire District; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Ocean Fire District #1 is exceptionally proud of Joseph Valentino and extends heartfelt gratitude, acknowledging and thanking him for his unwavering commitment and continued dedication to the Fire District, embodying the spirit of service that exemplifies the highest standards of our community.

The Board congratulated Joey.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATION'S REPORTS:

Fire Chief T. Caruso: NR

1st Asst. Chief C. Sorrentino: NR

2nd Asst. Chief J. Shamosh: NP

Captain: P. Mannion: NP

1st Lt.: Vacant:

2nd Lt.: D. Cohen: NP

Fire Marshal C. Flannigan: NR

Comments:

District Mechanic: Read Report

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: 7:43 pm

RESOLUTION 2024-03-04
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INSPECTOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024.**

WHEREAS, the commissioners of any fire district may, by Resolution, establish paid positions within the fire district, as such positions shall be determined by the commissioners to be required for the purpose of the fire district; and

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges the establishment of this role reflects a proactive effort to balance office demands, enhance operational efficiency, and support the career growth of qualified individuals in the fire bureau.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Ocean Fire District No. 1 does hereby establish the position of Senior Fire Inspector. The Senior Fire Inspector will perform under the direction and supervision of the Fire Marshal of Fire District No.1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that compensation for the Senior Fire Inspector will be detailed in an employee contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners does hereby appoint Patrick Mannion to the position of Senior Fire Inspector, effective April 1, 2024.

Moved by: Donohue

Second by: Beringer

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nays: Absent: Abstain:

Reu:			XXX	
Newman:	XXX			
Beringer:	XXX			
Roussell:	XXX			
Donohue:	XXX			

I am certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 Ocean Township on March 11, 2024.

Craig Flannigan,
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Fire District Administrator

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FROM ESI EQUIPMENT INC. AND CONTINENTAL FIRE & SAFETY AT A COST
NOT TO EXCEED \$119,500.00**

WHEREAS; The Board has received two quotes under NJ State Contract (17-FLEET-00820 & 17-Fleet-00757) from ESI Equipment Inc for Rescue Tools and Continental Fire & Safety to purchase Rescue Struts and Accessories for \$119,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Rousell offered a motion to accept the quote from Continental Fire & Safety for \$119,000.00.

Moved by: Rousell

Second by: Donohue

Roll Call Vote:

	Ayes:	Nays:	Absent:	Abstain:
Reu:			XXX	
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Board of Fire Commissioners

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Sean Donohue

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MONTH: Mar-24

DATE	CHECK PAYABLE TO:	DESCRIPTION:	CHK NO.	AMOUNT
11-Mar	Alert-All Corp	Pub Ed Materials:Fire Hats		\$1,600.00
11-Mar	Braslow, Richard	Profl Legal Serv: February		\$750.00
11-Mar	Cohen, Daniel	Reimb: Cell: 1st Qtr		\$90.00
11-Mar	Continental Fire & Safety	Compressor: Sta 1		\$2,059.00
11-Mar	DeLage Landen Financial	Copier Lease:Feb-Mar		\$224.55
11-Mar	F.I.S. On-Site Service	Serv/Reprs: 30,31,32,66		\$1,006.46
11-Mar	Fiorentino, Michael	Reimb: Cell: 1st Qtr		\$240.00
11-Mar	First Citizens Bank & Trust	Copier Lease: March		\$133.00
11-Mar	Flannigan, Craig	Reimb: AC Parking&Cell 1st		\$260.00
11-Mar	G & M Trophy Co	Plaques:(5) Old Apparatus		\$475.00
11-Mar	Horizon BCBS of NJ	Health Ins: Mar (1 Employee)		\$1,298.65
11-Mar	J C P & L Co	Electric Service: Sta 1		\$919.84
11-Mar	Kyocera	Copier Lease: Mar		\$80.00
11-Mar	Lowe's	Ice Melt		\$155.56
11-Mar	Mannion, Patrick	Reimb: Cell: 1st Qtr		\$240.00
11-Mar	Marcigliano, Andrienne	CO Inspection Refund		\$45.00
11-Mar	Middlesex Cty Fire Academy	Training: Mannion		\$289.00
11-Mar	Monmouth County Clerk	Fire Election Expense		\$808.08
11-Mar	Municipal Emergency Serv	SCBA Reprs&CylinderValues		\$1,221.60
11-Mar	NAPA Auto Parts	Parts: 37-1-66		\$427.98
11-Mar	New Jersey American Water	Hydrant,Fire,Wate Service		\$20,903.92
11-Mar	Oakhurst EMS, Inc	Reimburse: Various Expenses		\$1,340.29
11-Mar	Oakhurst Ind Hose Co	Reimburse: Donation		\$600.00
11-Mar	Purvis, Jack A, AIA	Profl Serv: Sta 2 Project		\$3,675.00
11-Mar	Reliance Graphics	Print & Mail Election Materials		\$2,792.10
11-Mar	Safe-T LLC	Fire Gear		\$115.00
11-Mar	Seaboard Fire/ SafetyEquip	Hydrotest 5 SCBA		\$150.00
11-Mar	Shamosh, Josh	Reimb: Cell: 1st Qtr		\$240.00
11-Mar	Sorrentino, Christopher	Reimb: Cell: 1st Qtr		\$240.00

11-Mar	Trugreen	Lawn Service: Sta 1		\$96.35
11-Mar	United Cleaning Contract	Cleaning Service: Feb		\$1,080.00