

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

MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Nelson at 8:00 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 mailed to the Clerk of the Township of Ocean and posted at the Oakhurst Firehouse on February 25, 2009, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 5, 2009.

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

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, James Hiers, Scott Nelson, Russell Williams and Anthony Palmisano. Fire District Administrator Arthur Schenck, Fire Marshal Timothy Smith, Deputy Fire Marshal Chris Pujat and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 28, 2009 meeting were read. Questions or comments? None. The minutes were unanimously accepted without change.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items of correspondence were read for information:

Outgoing to:

TOPD Chief Amodio; Re: Monitoring new PD Patrol Radio in Fire District Vehicles

Incoming From:

NJAW; Re: Reply to our letter concerning replacing hydrant markers, hydrant numbers and repairs.

TOPD Chief Amodio; Re: Reply to monitoring new PD Patrol Radio in Fire District Vehicles

NJ Dept of Health and Senior Services; Re: PEOSHA response to Station No. 2 inspection

EXPENSES:

Vouchers totalling \$35,310.75 were read and presented by Commissioner Reu for payment. Reu motioned to pay all bills. Hiers seconded. Questions or

comments on the bills.? There were none. Roll call vote: Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano voted in favor of the motion. Nelson abstained from voting on the voucher payable to himself, voting in favor of paying all others. All Vouchers were approved for payment.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

FAS Captain A. Green reported 105 calls for the month. Average Response Time was 6 minutes. Average Crew size was 3. A total of 436.43 manhours were experienced. Mutual Aid was received 13 times and given 7 times.

FAS Lt. S. Green reported that Lt. D. Willms will be out of service for about 6 weeks after an operation on his leg.

Fire Marshal Smith reported 127 Inspections, including 5 State Registered Establishments, revealing 34 Violations, and 2 Investigations were conducted during the month. 3 CO calls were followed-up; 33 Public Education Sessions were held with 1,057 people attending; 66 Smoke/CO Detector Inspections were conducted, and \$2,409.00 in fees were collected. He reported that he and Chris underwent training on the new computer system; it looks good. He advised that He and Chris are researching what is necessary to get an OPTICOM installed on the traffic light at West Park Ave. and Hope Road, now that we are experiencing more use of this intersection with the new Rolling Meadows development. He advised of the new Alzheimer Patient Group Home at Bowne Road and Asbury Avenue. A Key Pad is provided to open the gate and to enter the building; our usual codes apply. Need code to get in and out. He reported that they have learned of the need for a battery in the vehicle OPTICOM Key Control Units. He will try to get some. He advised that there may be a charge for FFI at the Fire Academy sometime next year.

Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat reported that he attended an OEM Twp meeting. They have a new snow plan and are asking if District #1 vehicles can be used to transport doctors and nurses that need to get to work during a storm. The Board responded that our personnel and vehicles are on standby during snow storms and frequently respond to emergency calls and will not be available for such use. A new OEM radio frequency will be installed in all of our radios. OEM is planning a drill for next year. They are applying for a grant to replace all of the Poplar Village Buildings, rebuilding on higher ground. OEM wants to issue an ID card that will cost us \$500.00 if we participate. It was noted that the County is working on an ID Card and should cover all of our needs. Swine Flu shots were offered last weekend in Howell. More planned for the near future. He presented a sample "Rip and Run" report and explained same. He reported that the OPTICOM at West Park Avenue and Cindy Lane is out of service. The County replaced their controller and they need to reprogram it for the OPTICOM system to work. We're waiting on them. He and a couple of members visited Wayside FD and Brielle FD to see their Rip and Run set up.

Chief S. Donohue reported 52 calls for the month. 2 drills were conducted. Average Response Time was :05:05.

FD Lt. J. Morrow reported Wednesday the FD will hold a Fit Test. October 30 will be Mischief Night standby. He advised that the FD purchased a new Freezer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reu - FD Activity Percentages and number of calls answered, Oct. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009? We have the FAS's report. FD will provide after the meeting.

Palmisano - Flu Shots were administered to 53 members and spouses on October 21, here at Station No. 1. Good response. Any member or spouse still wishing to get a Flu Shot should get to Dr. Wortzel's office ASAP; he only has a limited quantity of vaccine. First come, first serve.

Hiers - Reminder that SCBA Functional Testing will be done here at Station No. 1 on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 3 & 4. We will get and return all Masks and Regulators on the apparatus and the gear racks at both stations. Members who carry their Mask and Regulator in their private vehicles will need to leave them here on Tuesday, November 3. (166, 167, 130 & 131's Packs, Masks and Regulators will need to be available also.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Williams - Price quotes have been solicited to provide Janitorial/Cleaning Services for our Fire Stations, November 3, 2009 thru October 31, 2010. Total cost of Proposals received are:

Kleen-Rite	\$14,780.00
United Cleaning	\$11,015.00
Urucorp Maintenance	\$10,870.00

Williams motioned to accept the proposal from Urucorp Maintenance for the total price of \$10,870.00. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Equipment and Supplies - FD..... Hiers

-178 Multi Gas Monitor sent for repair. Ok.

-K. Finkelstein name panel ordered for Fire Coat; (Was R. Tillis)

Equipment and Supplies - FAS..... Palmisano, Reu

-EpiPens purchased.

-FAS Supplies requested; Bd is reviewing this request.

OPTICOM..... Reu, FM Smith

-W. Park and Cindy O.O.S. re: County

Maintenance of Apparatus..... Reu, Schenck

- Ambulances 157, 158, 159; preventive maintenance/service performed. New Batts in 159.
- Ambulance 158 slide-out step repaired today.
- Engine 172 Relief Valve repaired.
- Engine 175 pump repaired.
- Engine 175 Batteries replaced. Getting a proposal to install an Auxiliary Air Pump.
- Engine 178 preventive maintenance/service performed.

Station Maintenance:

Station No. 1:..... Williams

- Janitorial/Cleaning Service Quotes solicited.
- Elevator Test and Inspection; State Inspector; scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 29. (Need access to Elevator Room through FD Store Room; very cluttered)

Station No. 2:..... Hiers

- Janitorial/Cleaning Service Quotes solicited.

Conventions and Seminars..... Palmisano

- Fiorentino & Flannigan Registered; FDIC H.O.T. & Conference.

Fire District Safety/NFPA/PEOSHA..... Hiers, Palmisano

- Received PEOSHA letter response Re: Station #2.

Liaison to Police Department..... Reu

- Letter sent to OTPD Chief Re: PD Patrol Monitoring Radios in District Vehicles. Response received.

-Questions or Comments ?

FM Smith - Commented on recent structure fire on Old Farm Road. Everyone worked together good to get the job done. Owner and Neighbor expressed good comments.

Palmisano - Would like to review the Supply Request with the FAS Officers.

First Aider Tony Schaible thanked the FD for the help at the Monmouth Road Motor Vehicle Accident.

Hiers - Can we ask that posters and signs not be taped to the painted walls and surfaces of the fire stations. When removed, they frequently take some paint with them, starting the surface to peel. There are plenty of Bulletin Boards and glass surfaces that can be used. Also, no thumbtacks in wood frames, ie. blackboard.

Nelson - The FAS Office is very cluttered. Please clean up.

Nelson - FAS; Two individuals appear to be answering calls without having completed a medical exam: Jon Zacsh(Med paperwork issued on Sept. 28; no results yet). Jack Shaab; no medical exam authorization has been requested(background check ok in March, 2009).

Nelson - Pleased to report that as a result of the recent Bone Marrow Drive done here at Station No. 1, a match was found for the little girl. Thank you to all who helped and donated. The Station No. 2 sign helped as well.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.
Fire District Administrator

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