

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

WORK SESSION  
February 2, 2009

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:39 pm.

This 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 26, 2008, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 6, 2008.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

The following Board members were present: Frederick Willms, Thomas Reu, James Hiers and Russell Williams. Fire District Administrator Arthur Schenck, Fire Marshal Timothy Smith, Deputy Fire Marshal Chris Pujat, Maintenance/Repair Technician Michael Fiorentino and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present.

## **BUSINESS:**

**Willms** - Let us remember OFD Ex-Chief, OFAS Ex-Captain, and Past Fire Commissioner Stanley Taylor who passed away last week.

**Reu** - Read a Draft letter to NJ-American Water Co;.RE: Hydrs "No Drain". Reu motioned to approve and send this letter. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams and Willms was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Williams** - 173 Engine; Truck is at Allied Diesel, Freehold. They have determined that the #3 rod is seized to the crank shaft. It is unrepairable. We will explore options to replace this motor.

**Hiers** - Station No. 1 Engine Room Floor; Slab jacking, as done in the past, is not the best option for us to correct the floor, due to additional cracking, etc. Met with our Engineer and he is to prepare a set of plans to replace the Engine Room Floor slab, supporting a new slab with Helical Piers and Steel Reinforcement. New, full truck length, concrete aprons are also planned. This will give us a real good idea of what will be involved. We can then get an idea of what it will cost, and hopefully we'll be able to take action in the near future.

**Williams** - The FD is in need of 2 sets of 2 1/2" Double Male and 2 1/2" Double Female Adapters for Engine 178. Also needed are 2 more 2 1/2" Gated Hydrant Valves. Price quotes were solicited from three vendors. The two quotes received are:

TASC Fire Apparatus	\$1,502.30
Continental Fire & Safety	\$1,374.80

Williams motioned to purchase these items from Continental Fire & Safety for \$1,374.80. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams and Willms was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Hiers** - A different employee of the cleaning service started today. Hopefully we will see an improvement.

**Commissioner Willms** had to leave the meeting at this point to take an important phone call.

**Hiers** - Vouchers were read and presented for payment totaling \$7,090.48. Hiers motioned to pay these bills. Williams seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers and Williams was in favor of the motion.

Hiers motioned to transfer \$30,000.00 to the payroll account. Williams seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers and Williams was in favor of the motion.

**Reu** - Election; Saturday, February 21, 2009, 2:00 - 9:00 pm, here.

**Commissioner Willms** returned to the meeting.

**Schenck** - State certification of the District's 2009 Adopted Budget was received today.

**Reu** noted that this is the last Work Session for Commissioner Willms, after 15 years of service on the Board. He presented a "Resolution Acknowledging the Service of Fire Commissioner Frederick H. Willms", copy attached.

Reu motioned to approve this Resolution. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers and Williams was in favor of the motion. Commissioner Nelson, although not able to attend tonight's meeting, also extends his approval of this Resolution.

Reu presented Commissioner Willms a framed copy of this Resolution.

**Commissioner Willms** thanked everyone and stated that it was a pleasure working with all.

**Reu** - Everyone is invited to join us after tonights meeting for cake and coffee in honor of Commissioner Willms.

**FD Lt. Morrow** reported that the FD will hold an RTK drill on Wednesday, 7:00 pm. He advised that Ladder 190 will be covering for WLB FD until further notice, while their ladder truck is out of service.

**FAS Officers** - No report.

**Fire Marshal Smith** advised that Oakhurst may be a test department for the new Monmouth County Radio system to send calls to our vehicle computers. This is the first step in the new system planned.

**M/R Tech Fiorentino** reported that he has ordered holders for the new FAS GPS systems. He advised that the Snow Plow worked great on the new truck during the recent storm. He thanked Commissioner Willms for his years of service.

Questions or comments? None.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.  
Fire District Administrator

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