

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

MINUTES OF  
MARCH 23, 2009

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Nelson at 8:03 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, Maintenance/Repair Technician Michael Fiorentino and some Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present.

## **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting were read. Questions or comments? None. The minutes were unanimously accepted without change.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

## **EXPENSES:**

Vouchers totalling \$32,801.78 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 of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

## **DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:**

**Chief S. Donohue** reported that all is good.

**Assistant Chief D. Skinner** reported that all is good.

**Fire Marshal Smith** reported 127 Inspections, including 5 State Registered Establishments, revealing 28 Violations, and 7 Investigations were conducted during the month. 43 Smoke/CO Detector Inspections were conducted and \$2,157.00 in fees were collected. He reported no progress on the Hydrant Ordinance. He noted that the new Fire Code may cover our concerns with the Fire Hydrants.

**Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino** thanked Tony Palmisano for the recent CPR Refresher Course. He reported that a NJ Boiler Inspector was here today, and the couple of concerns he had will be addressed. Viking Termite inspected both Stations today; ok. He thanked the Fire Department for the invitation to their Annual Dinner. He reported that he will be power washing the engine compartment of Engine 173 on Friday, in preparation for painting on Saturday.

**FAS Captain A. Green** had no report.

**FAS Lt. S. Green** thanked Tony Palmisano for his help on FAS Calls.

**Commissioners Reu and Hiers** expressed the Board's concern on the lack of response of the First Aid Squad, noting that the Board is extremely displeased with the lack of response to emergency calls, requiring the call for mutual aid. A recent call was noted where the FAS Captain was here at the firehouse when both FAS and FD were dispatched to an motor vehicle accident, and the FAS Captain went on the Engine and not on the Ambulance. The Board feels that this showed very poor judgement.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Hiers - 173:** New engine is at Allied Diesel in Freehold. Old engine is probably removed by now. Brian Penta and Mike will be going to Allied on Saturday to paint the engine and engine compartment.

**Williams - Cleaning Service.** We now have another employee of the cleaning company working here. We do see an improvement.

**Reu - Ladder Truck 190 and All Ground Ladders** were tested by UL. Holding valve on one jack and a couple of cracks need to be addressed on the truck. Part is on order.

**Nelson - Engine 172;** will investigate a tarp cover or raising the doors to accomodate more hose.

**Reu -** The Board is actively looking at a plan for roof repair at Station No. 2.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nelson -** The Board would like to thank the FD for the invitation to your recent Annual Dinner.

**Williams - Lawn Service:** Six proposals were solicited for Lawn Service for the 2009 Season. Two proposals have been received:

Complete Lawn Service	\$6,400.00
Simply Cut Lawn Service	\$5,000.00

Williams motioned to accept the Simply Cut Lawn Service proposal of \$5,000.00 for the 2009 season. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Schenck** - Reviewed Year End 2008 Financials, and the beginning 2009 financial report of the District.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**(See Mike's list of Work Completed)**

**Equipment and Supplies - FD**..... Hiers

-Purchase a couple of cell phone batteries.

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

-Battery and parts obtained for Portable Suction Unit. Members need instruction on use and care.

Captain A. Green was advised.

**OPTICOM**..... Reu, FM Smith

**Maintenance of Apparatus**..... Reu, Schenck

-Engine 174 preventive maintenance/service performed.

-Chief's Car 167 starter replaced.

**Station Maintenance:**

**Station No. 1:**..... Williams

-NJ State Boiler Inspector was here today. A couple of items to be addressed.

**Station No. 2:**..... Hiers

**Conventions and Seminars**..... Palmisano

-Firehouse Expo, Baltimore, Md. in July. We'll need to know in a month or so who will be going. Officers

and two guests (future officer type) from each organization.

**Liaison to First Aid Squad**..... Palmisano

-FAS needs to review Suction Unit use with members.

-A prospective member's name given to Captain Green.

-Questions or Comments ? None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.  
Fire District Administrator

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