

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

WORK SESSION

April 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners is called to order at 7:31 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 25, 2009, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 5, 2009.

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, Maintenance/Repair Technician Michael Fiorentino and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present.

BUSINESS:

Williams - Follow-up letter has been sent to NJ American Water Co., Re: No Drain Hydrants. A copy of this follow-up letter and a copy of our original letter was also sent to the Board of Public Utilities.

Hiers - A proposal has been received from Nelson Engineering Associates, who we have met with previously to discuss the options/recommendations to correct the problems with the Engine Room Floor here at Station No. 1. As we have noted previously, the best course of action is to replace the engine room floor. Their proposal to prepare the plans for the Reinforced Concrete Structural Slab Design and Details is \$7,400.00. In addition, Soil Borings are needed for a cost of \$2,000.00. Total cost of this work noted is \$9,400.00. This work is needed before a cost estimate can be obtained and we can then Budget for this work to be done. We have budgeted for this Engineering Work. Hiers motioned to approve this Engineering Work proposal for \$9,400.00. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Reu - The Board has adjusted the Salaries of some of the Fire District's Paid Employees for the year 2009, within the Salary Ranges previously established, as follows: Fire District Administrator \$103,400.00; Fire Marshal \$86,576.00; Deputy Fire Marshal \$57,680.00; Fire Bureau's Administrative Assistant \$19.18 per hour; the Board Clerk \$13,455.00; the Maintenance/Repair Technician

\$41,600.00 and, Fire Commissioners \$3,000.00 (Unchanged). Reu motioned to approve. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Williams - All Hurst Equipment has been serviced. One spare hose was damaged and has been replaced on 175.

Palmisano - Thank you to Tim, Mike, Chris and Art for performing the Annual Pump Tests on our 4 pumpers last week at Franklin Lake in West Long Branch. Tim has provided us with reports on each pumper. All passed the test.

Reu - Vouchers totaling \$3,740.34 were presented for payment. Reu motioned to pay all bills. Williams seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote: Reu, Hiers, Williams and Palmisano voted to pay all bills. Nelson abstained from voting on the voucher to himself, voting in favor of paying all others. All Vouchers were approved for payment.

Reu presented a voucher to transfer \$60,741.00 to the payroll account, which includes the employer's contribution to the Public Employees Retirement System. Reu motioned to approve. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Hiers - In reference to the FD's request for turn-out gear, the Board approves the purchase of gear for the first four names on the list at this time. May be able to purchase more later in the year if funds are available.

Reu - The Board notes that Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino received a call on Sunday afternoon to report that an SCBA cylinder may be due for Hydro Testing. It was not due, but the point is let's not bother Mike after hours for non-emergency calls. Fill out a Maintenance Form and leave it for him.

Hiers - FDIC: Art, Mike, Chris and Sean will be away the week of April 20th.

OFD Chief Donohue thanked the Board for the turn-out gear approval, the pump tests and the Hurst Equipment service. The FD will be holding Class #2 of their Pump Class on Wednesday.

OFAS Officers Willms and Degurski had nothing to report.

Fire Marshal Smith reported that the Monmouth County Engineer called and advised that they will be redesigning the intersection of Monmouth Road and West Park Avenue. He advised of our OPTICOM System and they will include it in their plans; should just be a relocation.

Maint/Repair Tech Fiorentino reported that he assisted Brian Penta on Saturday in the painting of Engine 173's Engine Compartment, new Engine, etc. Brian did a very good job! Brian has done many "painting favors" in the past that has saved us alot of money. He advised that he doesn't mind getting phone calls in the off hours. If it gets to be a problem he will address with the individual concerned.

Questions or comments?

Nelson - Station No. 1 Carpets are to be cleaned on Saturday, April 18th.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.
Fire District Administrator

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