

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

MINUTES OF
AUGUST 24, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Nelson at 8:02 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: James Hiers, Scott Nelson 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.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 27, 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:

Incoming from:

Twp. of Ocean; Re: Waiver of Permit Fee for Station No. 2 Roof Work

EXPENSES:

Vouchers totalling \$44,178.70 were read and presented by Commissioner Hiers for payment. Hiers motioned to pay all bills. Williams seconded. Questions or comments on the bills.? There were none. Roll call vote of Hiers, Williams and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

Chief S. Donohue reported 52 activities for the month of July. Mutual Aid was given 3 times. Average Response Time was :05:34, with a total of 369.55

Manhours. He presented Membership Applications for two new members: Larry Campbell and Nicholas Conte.

FD Lt. J. Morrow reported that District No. 1 is on dual dispatch with 37-2 until 10:00 pm this evening.

FAS Captain A. Green reported 95 calls for the month. Average Response Time was :07, with a total of 456 Manhours. Mutual Aid was received 11 times and given 8 times. The Average Crew was 4 with an Average Time Out per call of 1 hr. 7 min.

Fire Marshal Smith reported 362 Inspections, including 6 State Registered Establishments, revealing 31 Violations, and 4 Investigations were conducted during the month. One CO call was followed-up. Five Pub Ed sessions were held with 625 people in attendance. 78 Smoke/CO Inspections were conducted and \$3,720.00 in fees were collected. He reported that 166's Knox Box was out for repair. He suggested that one of the Squad's old cots be placed in the Decon Trailer.

Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino reported that last Sunday was Family Day at the Ocean Twp. Pool. His daughter again arranged for Fire Prevention and Safety to be a part of the day's activities. He and some of the firemen accompanied Sparky and handed out some Fire Helmets and Literature provided by Fire Marshal Smith. The program was well received. Mike reported that on Monday and Wednesday nights, September 9 to December 21, he will be attending class at the Middlesex Fire Academy. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to take this Fire Inspector Class.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nelson - We finally received the last \$500.00 from the Insurance Co. relating to the 174 MVA last December.

Hiers - Requested that a letter be sent to NJAWC requesting that they replace our hydrant markers after a hydrant is fixed or replaced.

First Aider Addie Meistrich commented that her grandson attended the Family Day activities at the Pool, and talked alot about attending the Fire Prevention portion of the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nelson - We've been in contact with Dr. Wortzel, Re: Flu Shots, Swine Flu Shots, Pneumonia Shots. Flu Vaccine has been ordered. Swine Flu Vaccine not yet available, but trying to get. Pneumonia Vaccine is for those 55 yrs old +, good for about 7 years. We need to determine who is interested in getting

Pneumonia Shots? Offering to Members and Spouse. The officers were asked to pass the word. The Commissioners will be calling members 55+ to see who is interested.

Hiers - Tim has obtained price quotes for us to purchase our Budgeted 10 Motorola Pagers. The prices received are:

A.R. Communications \$405.00/ea X 10 = \$4,050.00
M&W Communications \$429.00/ea X 10 = \$4,290.00 + S,H & I

Hiers motioned to purchase 10 new Motorola Pagers from A.R. Communications for \$4,050.00. Williams second. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Hiers, Williams and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Hiers - Requested that a letter be sent to M/R Tech Fiorentino's daughter thanking and commending her for arranging to have Fire Prevention and Safety be a part of the Family Day Activities at the Twp. Pool.

Williams - The FD has been testing the "I Am Responding" system for two months now and has had a favorable response from all members. The officers have requested the purchase of a subscription to this program. It is motioned to purchase a one year subscription for the price of \$850.00. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Hiers, Williams and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Nelson - Considering the size of the Italian American Festival, the Board is asking that the Squad have a Standby Crew, or at least assigned Duty Crews, available to respond to any calls while this affair is in progress.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Equipment and Supplies - FD..... Hiers

- New Test Gas Cylinder purchased for calibrating Multi Gas Monitors.
- Purchased Hydrant Markers.
- New Turn-out Gear Received; 5 sets.

Equipment and Supplies - Fire Bureau..... Nelson

- New Turn-out Gear and Boots purchased for Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat.

Hydrants..... FM Smith

- Hydrant Markers installed. (Mike)

Maintenance of Apparatus..... Reu, Schenck

- M/R 138 Preventive Maintenance/Service performed.
- Fire Police 199 Van Preventive Maintenance/Service performed.
- Engine 175 air brakes repaired.
- Engine 175 fuel tank was leaking. Had to have a new tank fabricated.
- FD Cars 1-37, 1-67, 1-66 and 1-00(Caprice) serviced.
- 1-75, 1-90, 1-73 are due for service; will be scheduled.
- 1-72, 1-74, 1-75 scheduled for Pump Service, here, on Wed. Sept. 2.

Station Maintenance:

Station No. 1:..... Williams

- Station Emergency Stand-by Generator serviced.
- Meeting with Engineer on Tuesday Re: Engine Room Floor.

Station No. 2:..... Hiers

- Station Emergency Stand-by Generator serviced.
- New roof completed.
- Many Ceiling tiles replaced in engine room. Thank you Mike.
- Engine Room cleaned by Mike. (Members could help keep clean)

Conventions and Seminars.....Palmisano

- FDIC 2010, Indy. Two rooms have been confirmed in downtown Indy for April, 2010.

Insurance and Legal Liaison..... Nelson

- \$500 Balance of claim on 174 MVA Received.
- Another member Beneficiary Change filed on Life Insurance Incentive Program.
- Mike Fiorentino has opted to cash in his Life Insurance Incentive Program policy.

Liaison to Township of Ocean..... Nelson

- Twp Council working on whatever is necessary to waive permit fees for District in future.

-Questions or Comments ?

Williams - Thank you Tim for Fire Prevention Materials handed out by FD at Festival.

Nelson - The next BOFC Work Session is on Tuesday, September 8, due to Labor Day Holiday on Monday.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.
Fire District Administrator

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