

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Tinton Falls Fire Districts 1 and 2

Tinton Falls, New Jersey

The Joint District Meeting was called to order by District 2 Commissioner Maclearie at 6:08 PM. Motion to open the meeting was called by Commissioner Maclearie, and 2nd by Commissioner Neis.

Attorney Braslow stated that all requirements of the Open Public Meeting Laws have been met. Pursuant to the Public Meeting Act of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting has been given by advertising in The Coaster and The Two River Times, and by posting on the bulletin board in the Tinton Falls Borough Hall, and placed on file with the Borough Clerk 48 hours prior to this meeting.

ROLL CALL-

District 1- Bowles- present, Calvo- present, Costa- present, Hawkins-excused, Kingston- excused.

District 2- Hamilton-present, Lewis-present, Maclearie-present, Neis- present, Park-excused.

Attorney Braslow- present.

Attorney Braslow spoke about Workers Comp RE: Employee Union oriented bills. He had a discussion with DCA about not having to vote on capital projects. He had met with the Deputy Director of the DCA. They usually have 21 days to review budgets, and are now changing that to 45 days because they need more time. He said that the DCA is taking the position that if you switch the elections to November, every election is subject to Title 19. We will have to pay for Sample Ballots. Be aware that going forward we don't want to have to pick up that expense.

COMPLIANCE OFFICER-District 1 Commissioner Calvo stated that he was also speaking on behalf of District 1 Commissioner Kingston, who could not be at the meeting because of work. Wondering if District 2 would be interested in splitting the expense of a Compliance Officer. This would be a 50/50 shared expense. This Compliance Officer must be a knowledgeable operator for all of the apparatus, including engine, rescue, aerial, and brush. Must also have working knowledge of OSHA and NFPA requirements. Compliance duties would include PPE, SCBA, tools, equipment, apparatus, and facilities. District 2 Commissioner Maclearie asked for a list of the duties the Compliance Officer would be responsible for. District 1 Commissioner Calvo stated that we don't have anyone specific in mind at the moment, or perhaps there is a company that would provide this service. Attorney Braslow stated that he would prefer someone independent of the Fire Districts. They would receive a 1099. We will need to look into liability issues that could arise.

CONSOLIDATING DISTRICTS- District 1 Commissioner Calvo stated that District 1 is planning on consolidating Districts as of January 1, 2019. He spoke on how we are now doing combined ERS Reports and that it is working out well.

NEW GYM FEES- District 1 Commissioner Calvo stated we are looking into getting new gym equipment. Going forward we will be implementing a \$500.00 per year charge for use of the gym and \$10.00 each for individual key fobs to the building. Cold bottled water and gym wipes are provided in the gym. We are not looking to make a profit, just to keep up with expenses related to gym.

RADIO UPDATE- District 2 Commissioner Maclearie stated that the county will eventually switch to digital radios, and the current radios will need to be replaced because they will be outdated. We need to do that as 2 districts. We are seeking a grant for the new radios. District 1 Commissioner Calvo said together, we should commit to apply for a grant for 2019. We will split the cost of a Grant writer, which is approximately \$2000.00. Commissioner Calvo spoke about the towns of Monmouth Beach, West Long Branch, and Long Branch being recently declined their grant by an automated process for something that was done incorrectly. Both Districts are in agreement with this.

AIR PACKS- District 2 Commissioner Maclearie stated air packs will be needed within the next few years, so it's something they need to keep in mind and start planning for replacements. District 1 Commissioner Calvo stated that District 1 will need to replace theirs at about the same time as District 2.

Commissioner Costa asked about District 2's purchase of a Fit Test Machine and the cost. They said it had just come in and it was approximately \$12,000.00-\$13,000.00.

Motion to adjourn from District 2 was made by Commissioner Maclearie, and 2nd by Commissioner Lewis.

Motion to adjourn from District 1 was made by Commissioner Bowles, and 2nd by Commissioner Costa.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.