

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER- The Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Cary Costa at 7:30 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENT- Attorney Braslow advised the Board 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 met 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.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL- Bowles-present Chervinsky-excused Costa-present
 Harris-excused Hawkins-present Atty Braslow-phone

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES- Motion to approve the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2020 was made by Commissioner Hawkins, and 2nd by Commissioner Costa. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT- A report for September’s bills was submitted by Treasurer Carl Bowles. Bills for the month total \$50,493.82, which include:

NJ American Water- \$15,548.00 for hydrant rentals

Pine Brook Rent- \$12,500.00 quarterly rent

Wayside Rent- \$5,000.00 quarterly rent

Commissioner’s Stipends- \$4,983.14 quarterly stipends

Continental Fire and Safety- \$3,266.10 for 6 base plates for Wayside

Motion to pay the bills was made by Commissioner Hawkins and 2nd by Commissioner Costa. All in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT-Chief Reggie Wright stated that there were 55 calls in August 2020, all NFIRS have been submitted, and all apparatus are in service. His report had been emailed to the Board. He stated that Station 3 is bringing in a new member and his application has been handed in. Chief Wright is seeking approval of sending 4 firefighters to the Middlesex Fire Academy for Motor Vehicle Extrication Course at the cost of \$262.00 per person. He also stated that his Chief's Vehicle is in need of a digital/portable radio. A Motion for a Resolution was made to purchase the same radio as Wayside Deputy Chief Kyle Williams from Motorola under state contract not to exceed \$8,000.00. Motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins and 2nd by Commissioner Bowles. All in favor.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT- Deputy Chief Kyle Williams had emailed his report to the Board. He stated he was looking for approval for his Chief's vehicle to go to Sea Coast Chevrolet for needed new batteries. He was looking for approval to send 6 Wayside firefighters to Middlesex County Fire Academy to attend a Motor Vehicle Extrication Course at the cost of \$262.00 per person. Also looking for approval to send 1 firefighter to Middlesex County Fire Academy to attend RIC Awareness for \$52.00. Lastly looking for approval for himself and Keith Finkelstien to Hunterdon County Fire Academy to attend various training programs at the cost of \$420.00 per person. He spoke about following through with truck modifications to 2-85. We have received 1 quote and will need to seek a 2nd quote. Deputy Chief also requests a policy change be made in our SOP's to allow sirens and lights to be used when responding to a call from outside of Tinton Falls city limits. Policy 5-2, remove the 2nd sentence which is: Further when responding into the Borough of Tinton Falls from another municipality the emergency lights, sirens, and other warning devices shall not be used until the vehicle has entered the Borough of Tinton Falls.

Motion for Truck 2-85 modification not to exceed \$14,000.00, after approval on the 2nd quote by Treasurer Carl Bowles was made by Commissioner Hawkins, and 2nd by Commissioner Bowles. All in favor.

Motion to allow all training requests for Wayside and Pine Brook was made by Commissioner Costa, and 2nd by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor.

Motion to remove the second sentence of SOP Policy 5-2 regarding sirens and lights outside of Tinton Falls city limits was made by Commissioner Bowles and 2nd by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor.

TRAINING/COMPLIANCE REPORT- Reports for both Training and Compliance had been emailed to the Board. Training/Compliance Officer Jim Ogle was not in attendance due to a prior obligation.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS- None

OLD BUSINESS

PAID FIREFIGHTERS- Done in Workshop

DUTY CREW SPECS- Done in Workshop

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT FOR WAYSIDE- Was submitted by Deputy Chief Kyle Williams.

RESOLUTION TO DONATE OLD EQUIPMENT/RECIEVER TO SIGN HOLD/HARMLESS-

Motion for a Resolution to donate old equipment and have the receiver sign a hold/harmless agreement was made by Commissioner Bowles and 2nd by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor. Compliance/Training Officer Jim Ogle is compiling a list of said equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE PREVENTION- Reminder that Fire Prevention Week is October 4th through 10th.

BUDGET DISCUSSION- Done in Workshop.

DISPOSING OF OLD TFFD #1 RECORDS- Attorney Braslow stated that this has to be done through the Borough Clerk. She will need to know WHAT, and from WHEN the records are. Commissioner Costa will speak to the Borough Clerk.

WET SPRINKLER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT- Allied Fire and Safety Equipment Company has taken over the service agreements of Fire and Safety Systems, which is no longer in business. Motion to use Allied Fire and Safety and send signed contract for 1 year was made by Commissioner Hawkins and 2nd by Commissioner Bowles. Commissioner Costa abstained because he is the Fire Marshall.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Hawkins and 2nd by Commissioner Bowles. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.