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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 15, 2021

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

ANNOUNCEMENT- Attorney Braslow advised the Board that all requirements of the Open Public Meeting Laws had 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 Asbury Park Press, 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- Bowles-excused Chervinsky-excused Costa-present
Harris-present Hawkins-present Attny. Braslow-phone

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor. Executive Session began at 7:31pm.

Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor. Executive Session ended at 7:59 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES- Motion to approve the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2021 was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT- A report had been submitted by Treasurer Carl Bowles. Total of the bills for the month are \$95,438.50, which include:

New Jersey American Water Co.- \$40,447.29 (2 months bills)

Cooper Electric- \$5,715.00 Generator repair

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E and K Insurance- \$10,930.00 Installment of package insurance

M and W Communications- \$2,998.00 Unication pagers

Defender- \$3,520.10 (3 invoices) Repairs to 3-76, 3-77, and 2-85

Storm Standby Payouts- \$6,150.00

Holman, Frenia, Allison- \$2,600.00 Balance due from 2020 Audit

Rogue Fitness- \$3,699.00 Fitness equipment for gym

Grainger- \$3,251.00 (4 invoices) items for 36-2-74

Firefighter One- \$3,563.80 Supplies for Wayside and items for 2-74

Motion to pay the bills was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT- Done in Workshop Meeting

Motion to send firefighter Michael Matthews to "Trench Rescue Awareness" at Hunterdon County Fire Academy for \$60.00 was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor.

Motion to register at least 3 District members to FDIC this year instead of Firehouse Expo was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor.

Motion for a Resolution was made to decommission all items on list submitted by Chief Williams was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor.

Motion to purchase new tires for 2-90 from Edwards Tires under State Contract was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT- No report was submitted.

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TRAINING/COMPLIANCE OFFICER- Reports for Training and Compliance were both submitted by Training/Compliance Officer Jim Ogle, who was not able to attend the meeting due to work.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Protection Agreements- Wayside had signed and submitted their 2021 Fire Service Agreement. No changes from last years. Pine Brook has not been submitted as of yet.

LOSAP- Proper documentation of Pine Brook is still needed before LOSAP can be completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Fitness Room Agreements- Commissioner Costa asked audience who were members about outside groups, Police, EMT's, using our fitness room. Should we stick with policy of those members only or open it up to spouses and family members? General agreement to leave the policy as is, members only.

Deputy District Chief Policy Suspension- Commissioner Costa discussed that with the recent resignation of Pine Brook Deputy Chief Wright, the Board would be making a motion to suspend the current policy temporarily to allow Marc Roach to be the Deputy District Chief at Pine Brook.

Motion to suspend the current policy so Marc Roach can be the Deputy District Chief of Pine Brook was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor.

Returning to One Chief at Each Station- Commissioner Costa asked the firefighter members that were present at the meeting to think about how they would feel going back to a Chief at each station. We can discuss at the next meeting.

Meeting with TFFD #2- Commissioner Costa discussed a meeting he had with TFFD #2, as well as Attorney Braslow. Because of the inequity in which the town is developing, they feel they want to re do the fire district lines. Commissioner Costa told them he was not in favor of doing that. He will have more information about

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this at next month's meeting. #1) We could just say no. #2) We could go into a Fire Service Agreement and pay them a monetary amount.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS- Attorney Braslow discussed a new Recreational Marijuana Policy that had been recently put out by Governor Murphy on 2/22/2021. Attorney Braslow state there is a lot to clarify and that he will be issuing a policy. A copy of the policy was distributed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- Mike Estelle spoke about ETA of our new engine 36-2-74. Should arrive this week.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.