

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER- The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Costa at 7:31 pm.

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 had 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-present Costa-present
Harris-present Hawkins-present Attorney Braslow-phone

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES- Motion to approve the previous Workshop Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2021 was made by Commissioner Chervinsky and 2nd by Commissioner Harris. All in favor except Commissioner Hawkins who abstained because he was not in attendance at the June 17, 2021 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Hawkins and 2nd by Commissioner Harris. All in favor. Went into Executive Session at 7:32 pm. Motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Commissioner Harris and 2nd by Commissioner Hawkins. All in Favor. Executive Session ended at 8:13 pm.

TREASURER’S REPORT- A report had been submitted by Treasurer Carl Bowles, who was not in attendance. Bills for the month were \$59,088.76, which include: Edwards Tire Co. \$5,835.78 (State Contract) New tires for 36-2-90

New Jersey American Water Co. \$16,573.76 hydrant rentals

New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. \$19,057.20 Hose for 36-2-74

SeaCoast Chevrolet \$2,157.25 Service to 36-2-66

Pine Brook Incentives (3) for 2020 \$5,120.00

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

CHIEF'S REPORT- Done in Workshop Meeting

Motion to purchase additional hose for 36-2-74 requested by Chief was made by Commissioner Chervinsky and 2nd by Commissioner Hawkins.

Motion to send members to advanced training courses per Chief's Report was made by Commissioner Harris and 2nd by Commissioner Chervinsky.

Motion for repairs to 36-2-66 at East Coast Lighting for \$1,483.51 was made by Commissioner Hawkins and 2nd by Commissioner Chervinsky. All in favor.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT- None submitted

TRAINING/COMPLIANCE REPORT- A report had been submitted by Training/Compliance Officer Jim Ogle, who could not be in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Returning to One Chief at Each Station- Commissioner Costa stated that unless there is representation from Pine Brook at a monthly meeting this topic will not be brought up again through 2021.

Palma's Position Replacement- Commissioner Costa stated that he had found a replacement for Palma's position. He gave the Commissioners all a copy of her resume. Elizabeth Sweeney, retiring from Naval Earl Fire Station. She comes with much fire experience and works at The Fire Academy. She is a 32 year member of the Union Beach Fire Department. Her duties and responsibilities will be determined by the Board.

Motion to hire Elizabeth Sweeney was made by Commissioner Harris and 2nd by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Andrew Calvo Retainer for Website and IT Maintenance- Commissioner Costa stated that now that Andrew Calvo has been out of his Commissioner position for over a year, we'd like to retain him for the District's Website Maintenance Services as well as IT Maintenance Services. Andrew had submitted a proposal of \$3,750 yearly.

Motion to retain Andrew Calvo for Website and IT Maintenance was made by Commissioner Chervinsky and 2nd by Commissioner Harris. All in favor.

Post Executive Session Discussion- When the Executive Session ended and Commissioners were seated back in the meeting room, Deputy Chief Marc Roach apologized to all that were in attendance for making false claims and accusations against members of Wayside Fire Company. He apologized for his comments and said he had made a mistake which should never have happened and that it will not happen again.

President Costa stated to all that both Chiefs have agreed that the issue has been resolved at this time.

Wayside Fire Company Vice President Mike Estelle read a letter to the Commissioners which expressed they were extremely disappointed with Deputy Chief Roach making such hurtful accusations.

Firefighter Aaron Brawner stated that personally he was very upset about the situation.

Commissioner Harris stated that a lengthy discussion was had between the Commissioners and the 2 Chiefs, and that the 2 Chiefs had hashed out the issue.

Commissioner Hawkins stated that this is a continuation of the bad climate that exists between the 2 companies for the last many years. He said that the numbers don't lie. He stated that he felt that Wayside Fire Company was rightfully very

upset.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- Firefighter John Walton said that Wall Stadium was holding a 1st Responders Night on July 31st 2021. He stated that many members were interested in attending. He asked permission for 36-2-90 to be brought to Wall Stadium early in the day to be on display with all the other apparatus that will be there. All Commissioners were in agreement that would be fine.

Wayside Treasurer and IT Consultant Andrew Calvo stated that he will be seeking the District's approval for a new door access system. We will be able to use the same wiring and key fobs, but will also be able to gain entry with our phones. He is in the process of getting quotes and will bring them to our next District Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Chervinsky. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.