

**TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 21, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER-** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Costa at 7:32 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENT-** Mr. 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-** Chervinsky-absent    Costa-present    Furman–present  
                 Harris-phone                    Matthews-present    Attorney Braslow- phone

**APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES-** Motion to approve the previous Workshop Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2022, was made on a motion by Commissioner Furman, seconded by Commissioner Matthews, all in favor (except Commissioner Costa who was absent at last meeting).

**TREASURER’S REPORT-** A report has been submitted by Treasurer Howie Chervinsky and read by Commissioner Matthews. Bills for the month were \$360,564.61 which included:

Airpower Int’l	Hydrostatic testing of cascade system bottles	\$ 2,070.00
Richard Braslow	Professional fees	\$ 1,450.00
Defender Emergency Prodts	Work on 36-3-93, 36-3-76, 36-2-74, and parts for 36-2-90	\$ 9,484.26
Clean Air Company	PM on exhaust removal systems – both stations	\$ 1,150.40
Cranbury Service Center	Vehicle removal for extrication drills held in 2021	\$ 500.00
Holman Frenia & Allison	Audit fee	\$ 1,000.00

JCPL	Electric bill	\$ 578.05
Meridian Occupational Health	New firefighter physical	\$ 210.00
Motorola Solutions	Portable radios	\$143,121.60
NJ Natural Gas	Natural Gas Bills	\$ 100.18
NJ American Water	Hydrant rental	\$ 18,633.60
NJ American Water	Water bills	\$ 264.74
Peb's Floors	Weekly building cleaning services	\$ 650.00
SeaBoard F&S	Annual fire extinguisher service	\$ 473.00
Skylands Fire Equip	Turnout gear	\$ 37,150.00
Verizon (2)	Monthly phone/internet	\$ 248.99
Verizon Wireless	Vehicle cradlepoints	\$ 228.08
Witmer	Deputy Fire Chief helmet	\$ 905.00
Zach's Services	Grass cutting	\$ 650.00

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$ 1,776,440.45**

**INTEREST EARNED: \$ 67.72**

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE: \$ 633,294.73**

**INTEREST EARNED: \$ 26.89**

**PAYROLL ACCOUNT AS OF 06/30/2022: \$ 5,233.06**

Motion to pay the bills was made by Commissioner Matthews and seconded by Commissioner Furman. All in favor.

**CHIEF'S REPORT-** Chief's report was reviewed at Workshop Meeting.

**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT** – no report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Equipment** – Motion made by Commissioner Matthews, seconded by Commissioner Harris to purchase equipment requested by the Fire Chief at the Workshop Meeting, all in favor.

Discussion on proposed RWJ Barnabas Campus to be built on the old Fort Monmouth property (Charles Wood area). It is an 8-story campus with a 6-story parking garage - \$650 million project. A report was compiled by the Fire Chief of Fire District #2. Borough administrator had asked the fire chiefs for future equipment needs.

The President noted this property belongs to FMERA and the project will most likely go forward. The project managers came to the Borough as a courtesy. Borough is working on a PiLoT program (pay in lieu of taxes). Discussion followed on same. Two commissioners from each District Board will sit down and work on a plan. Commissioner Furman and Commissioner Matthews will be on the Committee.

There are some main issues affecting the voluntary services (radios, grants, ladder truck, staffing). Commissioner Harris and Commissioner Matthews volunteered to sit down and discuss these items. They will reach out to Steve Park from District #2 in reference to these items.

Fire Chief was contacted by Wanamassa to share the cost of training with Superior Fire. This year's schedule has been approved, and this will be a benefit for both Districts. Motion made by Commissioner Matthews, seconded by Commissioner Furman, all in favor. The Chief will reach out to Wanamassa Fire District Commissioner Ed Horn.

Duty Crew – President Costa brought up about forming a committee to investigate duty crew system, with members getting a stipend for their time at the Station. If a member signs up for a block of time, there will be apparatus checks, station maintenance, etc., to be done during their time. There are other Districts trying this out. Chief Williams feels per diem may be a better system to consider. Discussion followed on same. The President asked that two commissioners meet with Chiefs to investigate and discuss. Commissioner Matthew and Commissioner Harris volunteered to sit on committee.

## **OLD BUSINESS -**

**Fit Test Machine** – motion made by Commissioner Furman, seconded by Commissioner Matthews to purchase OHD Fit Test Machine. This motion includes the five-year service contract purchase for same. All in Favor.

**Open Path** – Discussion held on door camera system. Better vendor is not under contract. Discussion on cameras needed, hardware would need to be paid for. Discussion on cloud storage vs. on site storage. A new quote will be obtained to add new doors for Wayside. Pine Brook is already complete with door hardware.

Landscaping – Bids were received for landscaping services. Zach’s Landscaping was the lowest bid. Motion made by Commissioner Furman, seconded by Commissioner Harris to approve Zach’s Landscaping to provide services to the District, all in favor.

Apparatus Maintenance Bid – Apparatus Maintenance Bid has been advertised. August 3, 2022 at 2 pm is the bid opening.

**Membership** – Two new members have applied for membership: Anthony Chrepta and Stephen Chrepta. Both completed their medical review and are awaiting background check. Motion made by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Matthews to approve and welcome new members. All in favor.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS-** No communications

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-** Chief Williams inquired about upgrades to building both interior and exterior. President Costa said it is difficult to get contractors to come in for jobs. Discussion held on upgrading rooms and repainting.

Michael Estelle discussed the new radios and bar coding them or etching them in some manner. Discussion followed on same.

A member of Wayside Fire Company inquired if the Fire Company could host an open house on September 10, 2022. The Commissioners approved the request.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Furman and seconded by Commissioner Matthews. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.