

TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER- The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Harris at 7:30 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- Estelle – present Furman – present Harris – present

Mack – present Matthews-absent Attny Braslow- phone

BUDGET HEARING

Motion to open the Budget Hearing was made by Commissioner Furman and seconded by Commissioner Estelle. All in favor.

The accountant was available by phone to answer any questions related to the 2023 Budget.

There were no public comments or questions on the 2023 Budget.

Motion to close the Budget Hearing was made by Commissioner Furman and seconded by Commissioner Estelle. All present in favor.

Resolution to adopt the 2023 Budget was made by Commissioner Mack and seconded by Commissioner Estelle.

Record of Vote: Estelle - yes Furman - yes Harris – yes Mack - yes

Matthews – absent

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES- Motion to approve the minutes of the Special December 1, 2022, meeting was made by Commissioner Mack, seconded by Commissioner Furman, all present in favor. Motion to approve previous Workshop Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2022, was made by Commissioner Mack and seconded by Commissioner Furman. All present in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT- List of bills was submitted in the amount of \$69,106.25. A copy was available for review to meeting attendants. Motion to pay the bills was made by Commissioner Furman and seconded by Commissioner Mack. All present in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT- Continued discussion from Workshop Meeting. The Chief submitted a list of requested equipment. Motion to purchase the equipment pending adoption of the 2023 budget by the DCA was made by Commissioner Furman, seconded by Commissioner Estelle. All present in favor.

The Chief inquired if the Board would consider a 1 – 3 – 5-year plan for the District. Discussion followed. It is hard to make a plan when Commissioners change and budget is followed one year at a time, however, the President will form a committee. Two Commissioners will meet with the line officers and executive board. The two Commissioners appointed were Harris and Mack.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution:

Motion made by Commissioner Estelle, seconded by Commissioner Furman, authorizing resolution for insurances for the year 2023.

Vote: Estelle – yes Furman – yes Harris – yes Mack – yes

Matthews – absent

Captain Scott submitted a letter to the Board requesting the services of a medical director so the fire company could carry epi pens for emergency use. There are a few EMTs in the fire company, and this could help on scene of an emergency, as well as helping their own. Discussion followed on same. There are two volunteer squads in the Borough plus a paid squad. Questions included effect on insurance and costs.

Further research will be done on this subject.

LOSAP list was submitted. It needs to be published for 10 days at Borough Hall.

Commissioner Estelle read the results of the aerial and ground ladder testing.

36-2-85 needs approximately \$11,875 worth of work as per quote from Defender. Anything that contains fluid seems to be leaking. Motion made by Commissioner Estelle authorizing repairs as soon as the 2023 budget is approved by the DCA. Motion seconded by Commissioner Mack. All present in favor.

OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Mack inquired about shirts/jackets for Commissioners to be worn for special events. Price quotes will need to be obtained.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS- Letter from AmTrust Insurance Company stating there will be an insurance audit – a date will be scheduled.

The accountant will be in the office on February 15 to help prepare for the 2022 accounting audit.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

Thanks given to the members of the Fire District for their presence at the Borough's recognition of Mr. Donald Reevy, Sr. for his 75 years of service to Pine Brook Fire Company. It was well-deserved.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Estelle and seconded by Commissioner Mack. All present in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.