

TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1

WORKSHOP MEETING

MARCH 27, 2023

CALL TO ORDER- The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Harris at 7:04 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT- Attorney Braslow advised the Board that all requirements of the Open 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.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL- Estelle - phone Furman - absent Harris - present

Mack - absent Matthews - present Attorney Braslow-phone

President opened the meeting with a thanks to the Fire Company for the invite to the Board of Fire Commissioners to the Wayside Fire Company Annual Dinner. The event was very nice. He also thanked the Fire District members for their hard work on a recent structure fire.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Deputy Chief Whelan reviewed the District Chief's monthly report. There were 50 total incidents in February 2023. Total Incidents YTD 2023 is 97. All NFIRS have been submitted.

The Chief provided an equipment request for haul line bag with rope, 18-volt batteries, 18-volt brushless cordless table saw with stand and mitre saw with stand, and replacement chain for chain saw.

Quotes were submitted for training throughout the course of the year.

Chief reported member annual compliance on required courses for District/NJDFS. The Chief submitted requests for advanced training courses at Middlesex County Fire Academy and Monmouth County Fire Academy.

OLD BUSINESS – The Chief went through the gear in the storage closet. There are seven sets of older gear that he would like to donate to Sea Bright Fire & Rescue. The remaining older gear will be donated to the 911 fund. All recipients will sign a hold harmless agreement. To be discussed further at regular meeting.

Attorney Braslow was asked who on the receiving end can sign the hold harmless agreement, and he stated the Fire Chief can sign the form.

NEW BUSINESS - fire company looking to acquire a pack out kit for 36-2-85.

The fire companies are requesting the Board to sponsor a bus trip to the Fire Expo in Harrisburg, PA which will be held in May. The cost would be approximately \$3000 for transportation, convention tickets and meals.

The fire company is obtaining quotes for a new exterior lighted sign for the building. Would the Board consider splitting the cost of the sign?

Discussion was held on replacement chain for chain saw which was damaged at fire call. Can the District get reimbursement for damaged equipment? Attorney Braslow stated the District can try to file a claim with the homeowner's insurance company; however, past experiences seem to show that insurance companies do not willingly pay.

Bill was received from NJ Association of Fire Districts for Annual Dues of \$300. Commissioner Estelle participated in the last meeting. Attorney Braslow is involved in the Association, and he stated the Association in the past, with his assistance, has gotten legislation passed to assist fire districts. This includes November elections, petition deadlines, budget issues and LOSAP legislation. Further discussion will be held at regular meeting.

Question was asked if the Board's attorney needed to be present at the monthly meeting. There is no mandate requiring the attorney to participate in the monthly meeting. A further discussion was held on District email guidelines.

Commissioner Matthews brought up about the Medical Director. There are still some questions to be answered. The only covered personnel would be the EMTs, would be cleared by line officer, utilized in Tinton Falls only and only cover epi pens and Narcan.

Questions on whether apparatus would respond to assist EMS. Need to get some further information on what is happening with EMS service in Tinton Falls. Further discussion held on this matter and SOPs will need to be developed.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting was made by Commissioner Matthews and seconded by Commissioner Estelle. All present in favor. The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.