

TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1

WORKSHOP MEETING

JUNE 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER- The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Harris at 7:00 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 - present Furman - present Harris - absent

Mack - present Matthews - present Attorney Braslow-phone

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Williams reviewed his report. There were 59 total incidents in May 2023. Total Incidents YTD 2023 is 244. All NFIRS have been submitted.

The Chief noted that daytime staffing remains an issue. Compliance updates are still ongoing with membership. Captains have been notified of their respective members who are no longer considered active and will not be eligible to ride an apparatus until requirements have been met.

District training classes have been completed and recorded.

Training requests have been submitted for a new member to attend Firefighter I at Middlesex County Fire Academy.

The Chief is requesting approval to reimburse Firefighter Anthony Chrepta to attend a Heavy Rescue Conference in Syracuse NY in September.

Reels on 36-2-85 should be replaced in July.

The Chief is looking to obtain some large-area search equipment to include rope, hooks, webbing. Equipment descriptions have been provided.

Discussion was held on purchase of 6 portable radios and 4 heads for radios.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussion held on training reports and number of personnel attending training classes. The President will call a meeting of two Commissioners, Chief/Deputy Chief and Officers of Station 3 to meet to discuss training.

As of the last meeting, only two members followed up with compliance. Extra month was given to members of both stations to comply. These members will not be able to respond as per District policy.

NEW BUSINESS -

If a new member applies for membership, can they perform limited action until background check is complete? There are still issues with getting background checks back in a timely manner. Attorney Braslow stated that a new member can be approved on a contingent basis until the background check has been completed.

The price to send A. Chrepta to the Rescue Conference is \$716. The Chief states this is an excellent conference and would like to send more people. Would it be possible to add more members to attend and share a room? There is still a credit from the Firehouse Expo that was cancelled due to COVID, however, the names are not transferable. The Chief will follow up to check on availability.

Commissioner Furman discussed the car used for training in the parking lot. There was a complaint as per the code enforcement officer. Discussion followed on training and props – could it be placed in a space? Discussion followed on same. Possible use of DPW yard to park training vehicles.

The Chief informed the Board that the Task Force was deployed to Jackson with 7 members to assist with a large wildland fire (82 acres). They were there for approximately 5 hours, and there were some lessons learned in preparation for the next deployment.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting was made by Commissioner Furman and seconded by Commissioner Mack. All present in favor. The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.