

TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER- The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Harris 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.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL- Estelle – excused Furman – present Harris – present

Mack – excused Matthews-present Attorney Braslow- present

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES- Motion to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2023, was made by Commissioner Furman and seconded by Commissioner Matthews. All present at the October meeting approved the minutes.

TREASURER’S REPORT- List of bills was submitted in the amount of \$63,677.93. Motion to pay the bills was made by Commissioner Furman and seconded by Commissioner Matthews. All present in favor.

CHIEF’S REPORT- Report covered at Workshop meeting.

Commissioner Furman made a motion to approve three firefighters to attend the structural shoring class in conjunction with the Asbury Park FD with the cost not to exceed \$1000.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Matthews. All present in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Furman to reimburse three firefighters for conference/course fees as requested by Chief Williams. Motion seconded by Commissioner Matthews. All present in favor.

Discussion on officer requirements and policy changes. President Harris asked Chief Williams if all officers were up to date with directives. The Chief stated the officers are all qualified as per directives.

Motion made by Commissioner Matthews to allow the Long Branch Fire Department to utilize the District Training Facility. Motion seconded by Commissioner Furman, all present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS -

Mr. Braslow asked about the December meeting date. Since the budget needs to be introduced and budget transfers completed along with the District considering purchasing a new chief vehicle in 2024, a meeting date change could accommodate all these issues.

Motion made by Commissioner Furman to change the December 21, 2023 meeting to December 13, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Matthews, all present in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Matthews to have a public hearing to introduce a resolution to authorize the District to purchase a chief's vehicle not to exceed \$100,000. Motion seconded Commissioner Furman. All present in favor.

President Harris noted that the 2024 budget included at full-time employee, and he feels that the District is not ready at this time. This discussion has been going on for a number of years. Discussion followed on same, and Chief Williams noted the call response, especially during the daytime hours.

Discussion held on building relationships with mutual aid companies. The committee did meet with other per diem departments and those findings have been brought back to the Board. President Harris believes a plan needs to be developed before money is appropriated.

Mr. Braslow reminded the Board that District #2 has two new Board members, and he is willing to discuss this matter with both Boards.

Generator – the building generator is going to need a new block heater. Discussion followed on generator. Work will be completed as per quote.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS- No communications to be read.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- Chief Williams thanked President Harris for his time on the Board of Fire Commissioners and appreciated his time and assistance.

President Harris thanked the Commissioners and the audience members for their support and assistance during his time on the Board. He has witnessed many things during his tenure and appreciates the work of all the personnel in the District.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Matthews and seconded by Commissioner Furman. All present in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.