

TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1

WORKSHOP MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 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.

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

Mack - excused Matthews - present Attorney Braslow – present

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Williams reviewed his report. There were 59 total incidents in October 2023. Total Incidents YTD 2023 is 564. All NFIRS have been submitted.

All district training was inputted in ERS.

The Chief requested reimbursement for two firefighters who attended a training conference, as well as two firefighters who attended EMT refresher training.

Chief Williams provided sample MOUs from other departments allowing the use of a district vehicle for Monmouth County Fire Coordinator duties. A copy will be provided to the attorney for review.

The Long Branch Fire Department is requesting use of the Training Facility on November 25, November 27, and November 29. A Training Facility Agreement Packet was provided to the Assistant Chief for completion.

The Chief will submit to the Board an equipment list and training list for 2024 within the next two weeks. The Chief is looking to obtain some additional equipment for 36-3-76 so all equipment is standardized across the District. The Chief will look into hosting some training at Station 3.

The Chief is looking to get some helmet demo units. Helmets will be needed within the next year. Going forward when a set of gear is ordered, the set shall include a helmet and pair of boots.

Asbury Park FD is hosting a Structural Shoring Technician course. The District was offered three spots in class with no course fee but providing course materials (wood, nails). Chief Williams will follow up when more information is received.

Discussion on the policy revision and monetary policy of the fire chief deciding the amount of stipend each member should receive according to the policies. The Chief would rather not certify the list. The attorney stated that the participation list be done by the fire company as the policy dictates.

The Treasurer's Report was read by President Harris.

There was a request by Community Closet to place clothes collection bins on the property. It is Borough property, and a permit would be required. The Board agrees not to have the bins on the property.

Commissioner Matthews read some notes on the 2024 budget. The tax rate will remain the same for the 2024 budget year.

Discussion held on adding fire officer requirements, change in percentage in SOGs in reference to fire chief and line officers. Commissioner Furman stated the policy could follow the NJDCA minimum mandatory qualifications instead of listing them individually. President Harris suggested to table policy amendment discussion until the new Board is in place.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting was made by Commissioner Furman and seconded by Commissioner Matthews. All present in favor. The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.