

TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1

WORKSHOP MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER- The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Matthews 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- Costa – present Estelle - present Furman - present

Mack - present Matthews - present Attorney Braslow – present (phone)

CHIEF’S REPORT – Chief Whalen reviewed the Fire Chief’s report. There were 55 total incidents in December 2023. Total Incidents for the Year 2023 was 677. All NFIRS have been submitted.

An equipment list for 2024 is attached to the report.

All district training was inputted in ERS. CPR/AED and RTK/BBP/HazMat Refresher is scheduled along with annual fit testing.

The officers are looking to operate under one guideline within the District. They are working on a script to be used by the IC at responses.

New Business – Treasurer Estelle notified the Board that Ocean First Bank is changing the minimum balances to the business checking account and adding additional fees for ACH transfers/checks. He went out to get a proposal from Manasquan Bank to find out their services and fees. Once the proposal is received, he will give Ocean First another chance to meet the quote. Mr. Braslow reminded the Board that the bank must be GUPTA-approved and protected by insurance beyond the FDIC.

Discussion held on the “old” 36-2-88, and how would the Board like to handle its future. This vehicle has the most miles out of the fleet. This vehicle must be put to open auction for disposal. A resolution will be drawn up to dispose of the 2010 Chevy Tahoe.

Mr. Braslow mentioned that the lease with the Borough in reference to the fire station property has expired and needs to be updated.

Mr. Braslow has drafted an agreement with Monmouth County and would like some input from the Board. The vehicle will have wear/tear/mileage. The agreements provided for use as an example contain only gas allowance. Commissioner Costa reminded that the vehicle would only be used after being dispatched to an event. The County has an obligation and the District has an obligation to the taxpayers. Would it be a monthly rate or a flat rate term agreement. Discussion followed on amount in agreement, term of agreement. Mr. Braslow will draw up a draft agreement and send to the County for review.

Commissioner Costa informed the Board that there is a new state rule allowing purchase orders for public contract units to not requiring a signature on the PO. Discussion followed on same. It will be brought up at the regular meeting.

Commissioner Estelle would like to start exploring the purchase of a new Chief’s vehicle. Looking at possibly a pickup truck with a roll out command center. This allows the PPE to remain separate from the occupants of the vehicle. He will get quotes for a few types of vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting was made by Commissioner Estelle and seconded by Commissioner Mack. All present in favor. The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.