

TINTON FALLS FIRE DISTRICT #1

WORKSHOP MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER- The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Attorney Braslow 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 – absent Estelle - present Furman - present

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

Mr. Braslow started with a notification to the Board that he wants to plan for a meeting with District #2 in reference to per diem, consolidation and any other items up for discussion. He is looking for two commissioners from each Board for this meeting. Mike Matthews and Steve Park will arrange a date, and Rich Braslow will also be present.

Mr. Braslow discussed the MOU with Monmouth County in reference to use of the Chief's vehicle. He has sent back his changes to the agreement and is waiting to hear back.

Commissioners Estelle and Mack met with the Borough Administrator to go over the land lease. Discussion on placing a deed restriction and if the District folds, the property reverts to the Borough.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Commissioner Estelle.

Commissioner Estelle went to Manasquan Bank to investigate their rates and services. Ocean First was changing terms on accounts. Commissioner Costa went to Ocean First who met the Manasquan Bank rates and negotiated fees on the accounts. The new interest rate lock will be effective March 1, 2024, and end on December 31, 2024.

Two quotes were received for lawn cutting / maintenance for the property. Green Planet was the low bidder.

CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Williams read the Fire Chief's report. There were 59 total incidents in January 2024. Total Incidents for the Year 2024 is 59. All NFIRS have been submitted.

An invoice has been provided to pay for CPR/AED training.

The Chief listed members who have requested training. Some courses require a fee while others are free of charge.

The Chief requested to look for a policy change to provide meal reimbursement for people in a class that is 8 hours or more in length (per day?).

The Chief also asked the status of Policy 4-5: District Training Officer and Policy 4-11: District Compliance Officer. This position has been vacant for a few years. Officers are getting inundated with work in place of compliance.

There were recently two storm standbys, and the Chief has provided a list of members eligible for storm standby incentive.

Capt. Rock resigned from the District in good standing. D. Harris has assumed the position of Captain for Station 3.

Wayside Fire Company has welcomed a new member, Timothy Phillips. He is in the process of getting medical and fingerprints completed.

New Business – There is a young person interested in becoming a firefighter. The previous junior firefighter program in the District was handled through the Boy Scouts, which included insurance. An inquiry will need to be made through the insurance company in reference to insurance for a person under the age of 18. District #2 has gear and there is a program starting for junior firefighters at Monmouth County Fire Academy in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Mack has been obtaining quotes for exterior apron work. Commissioner Estelle will be using these quotes to apply for an AFG grant for this work.

A question was asked of Mr. Braslow as to what constitutes disqualifiers for membership in the fire company. Criteria should be established. A member transferring to the fire company would require a letter of good standing from the company they are leaving.

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