

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioners Logan on April 16, 2007.

**PRESENT** - Commissioners Baylis, Logan, Flora, Eitel, and Concato. (Note Commissioner Baylis arrived at 8:12 p.m.)

**ABSENT** -None.

This meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the open business-meeting act of the State of New Jersey.

**VOLUNTEER COMPANY REPORT** – President Carson advises that they are working on a check list for new members to be sure all paperwork is processed.

President Carson advises that they have a lot of new members and they are starting applications for six new members.

President Carson advises that they are currently working on a new phone system at the main building and that the new system will allow John to have his own mailbox at the main building.

President Carson apologizes for having to cancel the contract meeting at the last minute, but due to a new job and a change in his schedule. Everything got mixed up.

President Carson advises that they now have an official photographer in the company. The chief's are making up a procedure for photographs, etc.

**SECRETARIES REPORT** - The reading of the minutes of March 19, 2007 were waived and accepted as typed by Commissioner Eitel, seconded by Commissioner Concato. **VOTE: AYE** - Commissioners Flora, Eitel, Concato and Logan. **NAY** - None.

Motion to amend the Township Liason from Commissioner Logan to Commissioner Concato. Motion by Commissioner Logan, Seconded by Commissioner Eitel. **VOTE: AYE** - Commissioners Flora, Eitel, Concato and Logan. **NAY** - None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Commissioner Baylis read the summary of the report. Motion to accept the summary as read made by Commissioner Baylis, seconded by Commissioner Flora. **VOTE: AYE** - Commissioners Baylis, Flora, Eitel, Concato and Logan. **NAY** - None.

Motion to investigate the up and coming cd. Board to shop around and make a move if deemed necessary. Motion by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Flora. **VOTE: AYE** - Commissioners Baylis, Flora, Eitel, Concato and Logan. **NAY** - None.

**ATTORNEY JOSEPH YOUSSEUF** - Attorney Youssouf reads the resolution for transfer of funds for the month activity of April 16 thru May 20. Motion to accept the Resolution by Commissioner Logan, Seconded by Commissioner Flora. **VOTE: AYE** - Commissioners Flora, Eitel, Concato and Logan. **NAY** - None.

Discussion regarding the NJ law Journal regarding injured separate action. The no firefighters rule no longer exists. Title 59 protects the chief.

Discussion regarding potential assistance for consolidation of the fire districts and he advised that the election with continue to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in February at this time as the bill was defeated.

**CHIEF BYRNES REPORT** - A report has been given to the Commissioners for review, as well as a Fire Prevention package for the Commissioners review. A copy of report is attached.

Discussion regarding the cracks in 5511. Chief Byrnes will hopefully have an answer by the end of tomorrow.

Discussion regarding the update with the radios. Radios switched total conventional to tactical 1 and 2. Antenna was installed last Wednesday. Getting real close to switching over to the county. Further discussion regarding the cost savings and the splitting of the final bill.

Question raised by public, John Walters, 76 Crooked Stick Road, Westlake. Discussion regarding consolidation grant to investigate consolidating into one department or roll under to the township. He advised that it worked with the transfer of the first aid. Further discussion regarding solution of the Fire District and the need to have 5% of the voters on one petition.

Discussion regarding Casseville borrowing the safety trailer. Chief Byrnes to look into the matter and see exactly what the needs are for their wet down.

Discussion regarding vehicle usage. SOG provided at last months meeting. It basically said that usage of the vehicle within the township was no problem and that the vehicles would stay within 10 miles of the district. Everyone is responsible for their own vehicles. Discussion with regard to the mileage. Table for one month with final response next month.

**CHIEF'S REPORT** – no report

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Attorney Youssouf swears in Commissioner Concato.

Discussion regarding the gym door. Commissioners authorize the changing of the doorknob on the gym door. Administrative Clerk to post a notice on the door so that everyone is aware of the change with the locking door.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** – Meetings to begin again. Chief Byrnes will advise the Board of the meeting dates.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – None

Motion to accept a Resolution authorizing a closed-session or executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation; lawyer-client privileged material and personnel material. Subject matter to be released when it is no longer privileged, by Commissioner Logan, Seconded by Commissioner Flora. **ROLE CALL:** COMMISSIONER EITEL: AYE; COMMISSIONER CONCATO: AYE; COMMISSIONER LOGAN: AYE; COMMISSIONER BAYLIS: AYE; COMMISSIONER FLORA: AYE.

Meeting closed to the public for Executive at 8:47 p.m.

Executive session opened at 8:48 p.m. In attendance are Commissioner Concato, Baylis, Flora, Eitel and Logan. Deputy Chief Byrnes and Attorney Joseph Youssouf.

Executive session closed at 9:30 p.m.

Regular meeting reopened at 9:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting 9:30 p.m. by Commissioner Baylis, seconded by Commissioner Flora. **VOTE: AYE** - Commissioners Baylis, Flora, Eitel, Concato and Logan. **NAY** - None.

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**COMMISSIONER FLORA, SECRETARY**