

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3, was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Commissioner Concato on April 21, 2008.

PRESENT – Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Baylis and Waters. (Note: Commissioner Baylis arrived at 8:10)

ABSENT - Commissioners Eitel

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

VOLUNTEER COMPANY REPORT – President Carson advised that there are no new members this month.

President Carson Advised that the Shed is in progress and that they have executed a contract to purchase. They are currently making arrangements for the Cement to be delivered to them. They are hoping to have the Cement donated.

President Carson advised that he is awaiting dates from the Commissioners to discuss the expansion of the firehouse. Commissioner Jordan advised that he will send him some dates for the meeting.

SECRETARIES REPORT – Motion to approve the minutes as prepared by Commissioner Concato, seconded by Commissioner Waters. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, and Waters **NAY:** None.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Commissioner Concato reads the summary of the report. Motion to accept the summary as read made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Waters. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, and Waters. **NAY:** None.

Administrative Clerk Brown advises the Board that the reason for the large amount in the general account is due to the First Quarter tax funds just arriving. She requests permission to transfer \$300,000 to the highest yielding account. Motion made to approve the transfer by Commissioner Concato, seconded by Commissioner Waters. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, and Waters. **NAY:** None.

ATTORNEY JOSEPH YOUSOUF – Attorney advises that he was under the understanding that the Battalion Chief Position would be held over until the next meeting as the Chief of the Department is not here and we do not have a full board. All agreed. Battalion Chief hearing postponed until May 19, 2008. Question rose as to the legality of continually postponing the hearing and it costing the taxpayers. Attorney Youssouf advised that the Board can postpone any hearing and they do not need to re-advertise, therefore, not costing any expense to the taxpayers.

Resolution read adopting and implementing a policy prohibiting violence in the workplace. Commissioners will review the Resolution and consider this the First Reading. Commissioner Jordan advises that he sees a few changes that will be needed. Discussion and questions regarding off duty officers that are members of the Fire Company. Board questions if there is a weapon lock-up at the main station for such occasions as an officers responds to a call coming directly from work. President Carson advises that they have it covered. Resolution tabled for approval at May 19, 2008 meeting.

Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus personally no longer needed for public use, online pursuant to NJ State Contract A70967. Attorney advises that he read over the details of the program and all checked out ok and will be fine. Since the State awards the contract, it is an acceptable program. He advised the alternative is more detailed and costly to the tax payers. A List would need to be prepared. Anything with a value below the quotation threshold, which is \$3,100, can be disposed of without public bid which means you can sell it on the front lawn, etc. Anything above the quotation threshold the Board would need to adopt a resolution, advertise and then accept sealed bids at a public meeting or hold a public auction. This can be quite costly and more expensive than the internet. Plus you would have less of a market than you would get with Gov Deals on line. Commissioners request that this item be tabled for next meeting for approval, after speaking to Chief Byrnes.

Attorney advises that he has the finalized copy of the agreement between the Board and the JTVFC#1. He distributes so that all can review. Matter was reviewed in executive session and the final contract can be signed by all parties. Administrative Clerk Brown to forward three fully signed copies to the JTVFC#1 and they are to return 2 fully executed copies to the Clerk as soon as they have their next meeting and authorize the contract.

And Lastly, Attorney Youssouf advises that the Board that with all the governor's cuts to the budget, the changes are going to affect the Board's Supplemental monies grant. How much is yet to be determined. He advised there are some towns that their grant has been cut fully. He will keep the Board posted.

CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT REPORT - A report has been given to the Commissioners for review. A copy of report is attached.

Commissioner Concato advises that the Fuel Agreement has been signed with the Board of Education; a copy is everyone's folder.

Commissioner Concato questions the letter advising that District 4 has stopped first aid totally. Another Commissioner confirms that this is true.

CHIEF OF THE VOLUNTEER REPORT – NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS – Past Commissioner Ed Logan discusses the comments made at the previous meeting regarding Whitesville’s contract and advises that the taxpayers of District 3 did not lose any monies in the deal.

NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Waters advises that in light of the budget situation all over the state, he would like to see this board have an estimate of the 2009 budget by June for a preliminary budget, rather than waiting until August.

John Walter asks the status of the new truck. Board advises that the Cab was just painted and the Body assembly was being put on this week. The trip has been moved up for the final inspection. Commissioner Waters advises John Walter that we have pictures of the update and we can email them off to him so he can see the status.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Mr. McGinn Sr. questions if the Board has resolved the issue of the fire inspector bringing his car home. Commissioner Concato advises the public that the Board is looking into the mater.

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 Waters, Seconded by Commissioner Jordan. **ROLE CALL:**
COMMISSIONER CONCATO: AYE; COMMISSIONER JORDAN: AYE;
COMMISSIONER WATERS: AYE.

Meeting closed to the public for Executive at 8:09 p.m.

NOTE: Commissioner Baylis arrives at 8:11 p.m.

Executive session opened at 8:11 p.m. In attendance are Commissioner Concato, Baylis, Jordan and Waters. Attorney Joseph Youssouf.

Executive session closed at 10:10 p.m. Motion by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to close executive session. **ROLE CALL:**
COMMISSIONER CONCATO: AYE; COMMISSIONER JORDAN: AYE;
COMMISSIONER WATERS: AYE; COMMISSIONER BAYLIS: AYE.

Regular meeting reopened at 10:11 p.m.

Board advises the public that the Battalion Chief hearing will be at the next meeting. Firefighter McGinn questions why it can’t be done and why do we have to wait for Chief Byrnes. The Chief had two months to get the information and its dragging on.

Discussion regarding physicals and why they cannot go to their own personal doctors and save the cost and just have the Board pay their co-pay. President Carson to email

all the information he has regarding physicals and the employment health care center that he has looked into to Administrative Clerk Brown. Commissioner Baylis said absolutely not. Going to your own doctors you are given short cuts and the safety of the firefighters is not looked after. He objects to changing the policy. Discussion regarding the Health Safety Committee guidelines. A copy of the guidelines to be retrieved and submitted to the Board. Firefighter McGinn complains that he has had to go every year for the last four years or so and is on the schedule again this year. The Board needs a copy of the guidelines before they can fully respond to this issue, but will look into the matter.

Motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the signing of the contract with JTVFC#3 by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Waters. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Baylis and Waters. **NAY:** None.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:26 p.m. by Commissioner Baylis, seconded by Commissioner Waters. **VOTE: AYE** - Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Baylis and Waters. **NAY** - None.

CLIFFORD JORDAN, SECRETARY