

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3, was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by Commissioner Walter on August 17, 2009.

PRESENT – Commissioners Walter, C. Jordan, Baylis, M. Jordan, and Concato.
(Commissioner Baylis arrived at 8:10 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 Hussey advised that firefighter Del Larcom has returned pending a background check. Discussion regarding background checks and approvals. Per Commissioner Cliff Jordan, they should be allowed in conditional upon their background check showing up clean.

President Hussey advised that two probationary members are now permanent members, Schenkenberger and Cliff Jordan.

President Hussey asked about yellow helmets being purchased for the junior firefighters. These should be purchased by the Board. No Objection, Board approved.

SECRETARIES REPORT – Motion to approve the minutes for June and July as prepared by Administrative Clerk Brown, Motion by Commissioner C Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Concato. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Walter, C. Jordan, M. Jordan, and Concato. **NAY:** None.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Commissioner Concato reads the summary of the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept the summary as read made by Commissioner C. Jordan, seconded by Commissioner M. Jordan. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Walter, C. Jordan, M. Jordan, and Concato. **NAY:** None.

ATTORNEY YOUSSEUFF: Attorney Youssouff reads resolution designating Cliff Jordan as the Personnel Supervisor. Discussion regarding the resolution, the need for it was questioned by Commissioner Walter. The attorney advised that this resolution with grant to a Commissioner, the authority to act on behalf of the entire board, decisions that need to be made, the commissioner will have the power to act. Commissioner Walter asks that this item be tabled to next month's meeting.

Discussion regarding the Bids that were opened on August 4, 2009. Attorney advised of a letter received from Ferrara which would change the bids. Board advised that they cannot change the specifications of post bidding. If the Board is unhappy they have the right to reject all bids and create a better design. The Board cannot consider the offer in the letter and therefore the letter must be dismissed. At this Point the Board must decide between the two bid packages opened on August 4. They can either reject them both or award to one. Kevin McGinn, head of the Truck Committee advises that it

is the Committee's recommendation to award the bid to the low bidder, Pierce. Chief Byrnes and Chief Fatovic agree. Motion to accept low bidder, Pierce, by Commissioner M Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Concato. **VOTE:** **AYE:** Commissioners Walter, C. Jordan, M. Jordan, and Concato. **NAY:** None.

Motion to accept the chassis prepayment option as presented in the original bidding documents, by Commissioner Concato, seconded by Commissioner Jordan. **VOTE:** **AYE:** Commissioners Walter, C. Jordan, M. Jordan, and Concato. **NAY:** None

Attorney advises Administrative Clerk Brown to send the resolution to both bidders and release the performance bond of Ferraro.

Discussion regarding the closing of the academy due to insurance issues. Resolution by Title opposing the closing of training not being held in Toms River and Brick by Commissioner M. Jordan, seconded by C. Jordan. **VOTE:** **AYE:** Commissioners Walter, C. Jordan, M. Jordan, and Concato. **NAY:** None

CHIEF BYRNES' REPORT - A report has been given to the Commissioners for review. A copy of report is attached. All equipment in service as of this minute. 5511's tank is under warranty and the repairs have been made three times.

CHIEF FATOVIC'S REPORT – A report has been given to the Commissioners for review. A copy of report is attached. Discussion regarding the cracking of the helmets. He has a letter from the manufacture that they are fit for duty, so this letter will protect us. Chief Fatovic advised that he changed the SOG so that these guys are responding at night time with lights and sirens to CO alarms. There were issues where the homeowner didn't get out, so he felt the need to change it.

Commissioner Concato discusses the radio situation. Chief Fatovic has been in contact with Jack. They are getting the codes to the county so we can reprogram the radios. Last Wednesday or Thursday we had to switch over to county wide until 10:30 in the morning.

OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Walter advises to leave Suburban on the agenda until September's meeting. Chiefs Byrnes and Fatovic to discuss on Friday.

Scott Bottles, still no problems that are known.

5718 – Whitesville going to Trenton to get duplicate title.

Commissioner Baylis arrives (8:10)

NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Walter would like to thank the Truck Commissioner especially Kevin McGinn for all their work and dedication on this project.

SOGS up for approval are Gear Cleaning, Decontamination, Filling SCBAs, and Fueling of apparatus. Motion to accept by Commissioner C Jordan, seconded by

Commissioner Concato. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Walter, C. Jordan, M. Jordan, Baylis and Concato. **NAY:** None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Al Robbins advises that he had four different questions to find out why our new truck is running around and there is no fire, with Sirens on.

Al Robbins would like to thank District 3 for helping us teach the people how to use the fire extinguishers. 24 People from the Cert team took the course.

Discussion regarding speed bumps. Past Chief Smith wrote to 60 acres to have them taken out. Board to look into this matter.

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 M. Jordan. Seconded by Commissioner C. Jordan.. **ROLE CALL:** AYE; COMMISSIONER WALTER: AYE; COMMISSIONER C. JORDAN: AYE; COMMISSIONER BAYLIS: AYE; COMMISSIONER M. JORDAN: AYE; COMMISSIONER CONCATO.

Meeting closed to the public for Executive at 8:24 p.m.

Executive session opened at 8:24 p.m. In attendance are Commissioner Walter, C. Jordan, Baylis, M. Jordan and Concato. Deputy Chief Byrnes, Attorney Joseph Youssouf, and Administrative Clerk Brown.

Executive session closed at 8:42p.m.

Regular meeting reopened at 8:42 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:42 p.m. by Commissioner C Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Concato. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Walter, C. Jordan, Baylis, M. Jordan, and Concato. **NAY:** None.

COMMISSIONER M. JORDAN, SECRETARY