

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Logan on June 18, 2007

**PRESENT** – Commissioners: Logan, Flora, Eitel, Concato and Baylis (Comm. Baylis arrived at approximately 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** – No Report

**SECRETARIES REPORT** – Motion to approve the May 21, 2007 minutes as typed by Commissioner Eitel, seconded by Commissioner Logan **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Logan, Flora, Concato and Eitel. **NAY:** None.

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

Resolution read for the transfer of monthly funds by Commissioner Flora. Motion to accept the Resolution as read by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Eitel. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Logan, Flora, Concato and Eitel. **NAY:** None.

Resolution read for the deposit of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter funds when it arrives read by Commissioner Flora. Administrative Clerk Brown noted that the resolution should read 5.22%. Motion to accept the Resolution as read with the change as indicated by Commissioner Logan, seconded by Commissioner Eitel. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Logan, Flora, Concato and Eitel. **NAY:** None.

Discussion regarding the up and coming 6-month CD renewal. Administrative Clerk Brown advised of the different rates and of a new CD at Shore Community Bank called a Freedom Liquid CD for 9 months at the rate of 5% in which you are allowed to make withdrawals every seven days, without penalty. Motion to roll the 6 month CD into the new Freedom Liquid CD made by Commissioner Logan, Seconded by Commissioner Flora. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Logan, Flora, Concato and Eitel. **NAY:** None.

**ATTORNEY JOSEPH YOUSSEUF** - Mr. Yousseuf advised the Board of new legislation out which places a cap on the 2008 budget. Discussion regarding the changes to the up and coming 2008 budget form.

Discussion regarding the article in May 23, 2007 paper regarding the firefighter and drinking and driving issues. Discussion regarding drug screen with yearly physical. Copy of our zero tolerance policy to be sent to Attorney Youssef.

Discussion regarding LOSAP resolution and the procedure to initiate the program into Fire District #3. Policy and plan to be reviewed and tabled for a later date.

**BUREAU FIRE SAFETY 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.

**CHIEF BYRNES REPORT** - A report has been given to the Commissioners for review. A copy of report is attached.

**CHIEF SMITH'S REPORT** – No report available, President Carson advised that Chief Smith would be emailing it to Administrative Clerk Brown.

Assistant Chief Fatovic advised that the air horn is out of service on 5521 and has been for quite some time and that this repair should be expedited, as it is a critical piece of apparatus and the air horn is a necessity.

Assistant Chief Fatovic questioned the mechanic's capabilities, since 5505 broke down twice with the same problem. Truck had to be towed twice to Hunter Jersey Peterbilt. Commissioners advised to hold the check until such time as a determination can be made as to the cause of the troubles.

Discussion regarding the radio issues. The radios need to be repaired properly before someone gets hurt. This is a serious safety issue. Assistant Chief Fatovic advised that at the chief's meetings it was told it would cost about \$20,000 to repair, but Station 56's commissioners stepped in and brought their own company in and can get it repairs a lot cheaper. But the issues are still not resolved. Commissioner Eitel to look into this matter.

Assistant Chief Fatovic advised that Chief Smith would be emailing his report in.

**HEALTH & FITNESS COMMITTEE** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** – Discussion regarding truck specs. Administrative Clerk Brown to scan them to all the commissioners so that they might review the entire spec.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Discussion regarding Whitesville selling the tanker. Attorney Youssef advised that by law, they must donate it to another fire department or give it back to us, otherwise they will be violating local laws. Commissioner to look into Whitesville's interest in the sale of their ladder truck.

Assistant Chief Fatovic discussed the Jackson First Aid and the assistance that is needed and questioned why the fire department cannot response at night to assist them, since there are so many EMT's within the department. John Walters of West Lake will be meeting with the Public Safety office this week and will look into the matter.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** None

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** John Walters advised the Board of the Mayor's plans to consolidate all the fire districts into one. Discussion regarding this issue. John Walters will keep the Board advised of the Mayor's progress.

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 Flora, Seconded by Commissioner Logan. **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 9:06 p.m.

Executive session opened at 9:06 p.m. In attendance are Commissioner Concato, Baylis, Flora, Eitel and Logan and Attorney Joseph Youssouf.

Executive session closed at 9:27 p.m.

Regular meeting reopened at 9:27 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting 9:27 p.m. by Commissioner Concato, seconded by Commissioner Flora. **VOTE: AYE** - Commissioners Baylis, Flora, Eitel, Concato and Logan. **NAY** - None.

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**COMMISSIONER FLORA, SECRETARY**