

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Commissioner Logan on November 19, 2007.

PRESENT – Commissioners Logan, Baylis, Concato, Eitel and Flora

ABSENT - None

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

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

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 advises that each crew is continuing with the inspections. They are still working some things out, but the inspection plan seems to be moving forward.

Chief Byrnes advised of the new strip mall being built at the intersection of Kierych and Cooks Bridge with about 7 small stores.

Chief Byrnes discussed a battery replacement program for Westlake. He has a waiver and will have it looked over. He noted that later in the meeting, the Board would need to authorize the resolution naming the new inspectors for the District.

Discussion regarding repairs around the substation and the roof cleaned off.

Chief Byrnes advised that the Mayor is not in favor of placing the State Forrest Fire

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

Discussion regarding Whitesville contract. Chief Byrnes advises that the Agreement has been finalized and we will continue to man the station over at Whitesville. They are paying for 1 ½ people. The Board will be hiring an additional man to be stationed over at Whitesville.

Chief Byrnes advises that all the trucks are in service today. There is an estimate in the package for the repairs to 5505. Chief Byrnes reads the repair estimated and the Commissioners discuss their options. Both Chief's feel it is not worth repairing. It was decided by the Board that 5505 would continue to run as pumper only. Commissioner Concato and John Waters questioned mutual aid for a ladder truck. Chief Byrnes to check with District 1 and see what their intentions are for their ladder truck.

Question raised about the radio system notification from the County. Chief Byrnes advises that he just received it today and will be looking into it.

CHIEF SMITH'S REPORT – A report has been given to the Commissioners for review. A copy of report is attached.

Chief Smith notes his concerns regarding hydrants in the Hartfield section. Commissioner Logan to draft letter from the Board and will take it to MUA.

ATTORNEY JOSEPH YOUSSEUF – Mr. Youssouf advises that the Smoke Detector request form that he reviewed is fine.

Mr. Youssouf advises that he will contact the court with regard to the Powerhouse Gym and advise them that the matter has been settled.

Discussion regarding contract with Pierce. Mr. Youssouf advises that there was a big article in the papers in the past two weeks about State Commissioner Investigations regarding bid rigging. They are reviewing the bidding process and the way the bid specs are prepared. If they determine that it's a problem, they may be changing the way bids specs are prepared and could change our hole way of bidding. He will keep us posted on this issue.

Mr. Youssouf advises that Middlesex County is not allowing them to use the voting machines, with the Primary election so close. He advises that Bonnie should contact Ocean County and see what our plan of action will be for our election.

Discussion regarding the cap laws, bonds and notes and how it effects our budget. The Tax office is behind with the rateables and this effects our budget and cap.

Volunteer contract to be discussed in executive session first.

Discussion regarding Interlocal Service agreements and sharing information for election. Administrative Clerk Brown advises that she is just waiting on one district's decision and then will be doing the advertising for all for the military notice. Further discussion regarding interlocal service agreements and insurance, stationing, manpower, training of the truck, etc. This needs to be looked into further.

Discussion regarding Fire Bureau Inspections. Motion to approve Resolution appointing John T. Schoch, Miriam Stacy, Michael P. McLaughlin, Michael D. Grossman

and Gerard Moroney as Fire Inspectors to the Bureau of Fire Safety Fire Districts 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Eitel, seconded by Commissioner Flora. VOTE: AYE: Commissioner Eitel, Flora, Concato and Logan. NAY: None ABSTAIN: Commissioner Baylis.

VOLUNTEER COMPANY REPORT – President Carson advises that they are working on the phone for Lt. Schoch. They have a couple of things for executive session. Discussion regarding the plans for the office at the main station.

OLD BUSINESS – Question raised about reimbursement from FEMA and Chief Byrnes advises that the paperwork was submitted, but not yet received.

Discussion regarding the Township Administration and a decision regarding the first aid building. Chief Byrnes was advised no movement on this matter until the first aid issues dies down. In the meantime, we need to get prices for sheds. It was noted that the building was on the Township's agenda. Chief Byrnes to follow-up on this matter.

Chief Byrnes advises that Firefighter Zimmerman is still out on Disability, but they expect him to return on Monday, per his Doctor.

Discussion regarding the Feasibility study and proposals the Township received for the bid packages. District was not happy with any of them. They are to send a letter that they are to all be thrown out and rebid and the District will advise the township of some names of companies that have done evaluations for Fire District Consolidations. Chief Byrnes to follow-up on this matter.

Discussion regarding fueling of the trucks. This is in the planning and research stage and we might be doing a one year pilot program with the Schools and just send a few of the vehicles over there to see how it works out. Casseville was doing research about putting in tanks for the Fire Department. Preliminary research showed that it would cost \$60,000 and that is with no site work or prep work. Casseville decided it would be too costly and is going to open an account up with Hess, which the DCA frowns upon. Chief Byrnes recommends that we do a study for a few months by splitting the vehicles for fueling with the township and Board of Ed and see how it goes. Board agrees. Chief Byrnes to call Superintendent and go forward with the proposal.

Discussion regarding our property and the Township's property down here. Administrative Clerk Brown to get copy of Kierych Memorial Drive deed to Attorney Youssouf for his review.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion regarding the rateables for the Budget. Chief Byrnes advised that our Budget is at bare minimum. Budget to be finalized after contract with volunteers is finalized.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Nothing

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 Concato. **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 8:50 p.m.

Executive session opened at 8:51 p.m. In attendance are Commissioner Concato, Baylis, Flora, Eitel and Logan. Deputy Chief Byrnes , Attorney Joseph Youssouf, President Carson, Chief Smith, FF Mike Waters, FF John Hussey.

Executive session closed at 10:54 p.m.

Regular meeting reopened at 10:55p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m. by Commissioner Eitel, seconded by Commissioner Baylis. **VOTE: AYE** - Commissioners Baylis, Flora, Eitel, Concato and Logan. **NAY** - None.

COMMISSIONER FLORA, SECRETARY

