

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioners Walter on January 19, 2009.

**PRESENT** – Commissioners Walter, Jordan, Baylis and Waters.

**ABSENT** -Commissioner Concato.

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

**VOLUNTEER COMPANY REPORT** – John Hussey will be President for 2009 and will be presenting the report. President Hussey advised the Board of a problem with a former fighter, John Paponia. He still has not returned his equipment. He is turning the paperwork over to the Board. Administrative Clerk Brown to forward to the attorney and have him follow up on it. If he does not turn his equipment in, then the Board will file a complaint in the Courts.

New Firefighters for the Department are Steven Anderson, Larry Campbell, Josh Lettera, Salvatore Ciraldi, Brian Pasko, David Wesikopf, and John Siedler IV. President Hussey will see that Administrative Clerk Brown gets copies of all applications for processing.

President Hussey advised the Board that he has all the LOSAP applications in and they just need to be signed now. Administrative Clerk to get them signed and contacts the agent to get the paperwork end going.

President Hussey discusses the Garage doors and the bays at the main station. The company has approved the lowest proposal of \$18,500.00. They have a verbal agreement but are asking if the Commissioners can help in anyway. Commissioner Walter makes a motion to give \$5,000 to the fire Company and ask Administrative Clerk Brown to explore other options. Seconded by Commissioner Jordan. **VOTE: AYE** – Commissioners Walter, Jordan, Baylis and Waters. **NAY** - None

President Hussey discusses the little office to work on. There were issues with the safety committee and mold issues. Administrative Clerk Brown to check the minutes about redoing the office and making it the chief's office. Lt. Schoch advises he remembers talk of getting the one office done before tackling the other office.

**SECRETARIES REPORT** - The reading of the minutes of December were waived and accepted as typed by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Waters. **VOTE: AYE** – Commissioners Walter, Jordan, Baylis and Waters. **NAY** - None

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

**ATTORNEY JOSEPH YOUSOUF** -

Public hearing opened on the 2009 Budget. Attorney Youssouf reads the Budget Resolution Motion to accept by Commissioner Jordan, Seconded by Commissioner Baylis. **VOTE: AYE** – Commissioners Walter, Jordan, Baylis and Waters. **NAY** – None  
No questions or comments made. Public Portion closed.

Motion read for adoption of budget by attorney. Motion to approve by Commissioner Waters, Seconded by Commissioner Baylis. **VOTE: AYE** – Commissioners Walter, Jordan, Baylis and Waters. **NAY** – None

Attorney provides corrected resolution for Mim Stacy dated October 20, 2008. Administrative clerk brown to attach to October's minutes.

Attorney Youssouf discusses election date, rules and the schedule.

**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.

Chief Byrnes advises Board of Township Vehicle given to us has an electrical issue and is having it looked into.

Discussion regarding the progress of 5511's crack. Mechanic doesn't think it will go any further. Cannot get a hold of Evergreen. Board would like a friendly letter sent to them from our attorney. Be sure to make a good file and paper trail on this issue, per our attorney.

**CHIEF'S REPORT** – Discussion regarding the purchase of the new truck and the time frame. Board is advised that they are expecting the specs for March's meeting.

Discussion regarding Safety officer vehicle. When ready it will be added to the agenda.

Discussion regarding 5511 and placement of a handle in the cab.

Chief Fatovic advised of some officer reassignments and that a new officer's list will be sent out.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Discussion regarding the status of the District Study. They met with the day staff already. Meeting Township mayor, Police Chief, Twp Administrator, Clerk and Construction Code officer this week and the director of MUA. He should have the feedback from the chief's on the inputs of the survey. We won't know that information.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Chief Brynes discussion the vehicle received from the Township. What are we doing with it? He advised that this now puts us over budget by one vehicle.

Discussion regarding the 83 Hahn Pumper. Board previously was looking into their options as to sell or donate it to the fire company. Chief Byrne's advises that it was previously agreed that the vehicle would be given to the volunteer fire company. Budget does not carry it on our insurance. Board needs to finalize the matter ASAP. Motion by Commissioner Waters to donate to the volunteer fire company, seconded by Commissioner Jordan. **VOTE: AYE** – Commissioners Walter, Jordan, Baylis and Waters. **NAY** – None Chairman to sign to the Volunteer fire company "as is"

**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 Jordan, Seconded by Commissioner Baylis. **ROLE CALL:** COMMISSIONER JORDAN: AYE; COMMISSIONER WALTER: AYE; COMMISSIONER BAYLIS: AYE; COMMISSIONER WATERS: AYE.

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

Executive session opened at 8:24 p.m. In attendance are Commissioners Baylis, Jordan, Waters, and Walter. Chief Byrnes, Chief Fatovic and Attorney Joseph Youssef.

Executive session closed at 8:54 p.m.

Regular meeting reopened at 8:54 p.m.

Discussion regarding signing off of SOG's by the Commissioners. Commissioner Waters questioned why the board does not approve it. Chief Byrnes advised that the last board changed it that the two Chief's would approve the SOGs. Commissioner Walter asks that this item be placed on the agenda when Commissioner Concato returns.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Baylis. **VOTE: AYE** – Commissioners Walter, Jordan, Baylis and Waters. **NAY** - None

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**COMMISSIONER CLIFFORD JORDAN**  
**SECRETARY**