

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3, was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Commissioner C. Jordan on July 19, 2010.

PRESENT – Commissioners C. Jordan, Baylis, Pasqua and Walter

ABSENT – Commissioner M. Jordan

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

VOLUNTEER COMPANY REPORT – Update given on Background checks and the new procedure. All seems to be going well; however, we need to have a check list so that we know who has gone for the fingerprints, etc. and when they come back.

President Hussey advises that the contract is up this year and he needs to sit with the Commissioners and start working on it. Commissioners Walter and Pasqua will be working with the Fire Department and their contact.

SECRETARIES REPORT – Motion to approve the minutes of May as prepared by Administrative Clerk Brown, Motion by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner C Jordan. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners C. Jordan, Walter, and Pasqua. **NAY:** None

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

Bonding update. Administrative Clerk advised that she has been attempting to obtain bonding but the local banks are not interested. She is contacted the Bonding attorney for recommendations. Will advise the Board.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Attorney Youssouff advised the Board of the new 2% cap on the budget that the governor will be imposing. It passed legislation on or about July 13. Any capital project will need voter authority for bonds and notes will be outside the cap. Without exclusions, the budget will be severely limited. Still waiting to see the impact on contractual negotiations and the governor's tool kit. Will keep the Board advised.

On July 1 the bid threshold increased from \$26,000 to \$39,000 for Bonnie and the quotation threshold moved up to \$5,400.

FIRE BUREAU REPORT – no report

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

Jimmy is out of service and will take off insurance.

Chief has six SOG's to be reviewed: Wireless phones, Sick leave, Light duty, Grooming, physicals and computers

Light Duty and Wireless commissioners read and approve. Motion by Commissioner Walter and second by Commissioner Pasqua. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners C. Jordan, Walter, and Pasqua. **NAY:** None

Other SOG's have questions and will go over with Chiefs.

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

New Chief's Vehicle is in. He his getting price quotes from First Priority for lights and radio install to his vehicle.

If the bonding is not getting approved this month, he would like to look into other ways to purchase the items needed to get 5541 into service.

Discussion regarding radio system. Utilizing tack 2 for 30 days. Still same frequency of TV – but we will see what comes out of the meeting with Burlington. Make sure everyone's radios are switched over. Not everybody has it programmed in. This will be discussed at the Joint Board meetings – 56 is the only company without it. Need information from Burlington before we make any decisions on the radio system. Digital never really took off, just looking into it. Jack hopefully will be at the meeting at Burlington.

OLD BUSINESS – Motion to donate Jimmy to fire company for drill purposes and to remove from our insurance. Motion by C. Jordan, second by Walter. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners C. Jordan, Walter, and Pasqua. **NAY:** None

Discussion regarding LOSAP from President Hussey. Admin Clerk Brown advises President Hussey that a letter is need for FF Siedler so that he can buy back his time.

Discussion regarding the SWOT. Commissioners questioned on the need for decisions as to who is going to do what. Commissioner Walter is working on some items and will get back to Commissioner C. Jordan. Final decisions will be made at the next meeting. No discussion on the chain of Command this month, it will be done by next month.

NEW BUSINESS –.Past Chief Masker expresses his concerns with the turning radius of 05. If we could get the Township to extend the property on the other side of the driveway, it would help in the turning. Chief Byrnes to talk to mayor and public works. He thinks the property is actually Westlake's, but the added dimension will alleviate the abrupt turn and we can save on tires. Chief Byrnes to look into this.

FMBA President Hilger questions ems. On July 13 this building no longer operates EMS during the day. At the last labor management meeting and agreement was made that no changes would be made regarding the SWOT. The distance that 11 is now covering is 7.39 miles from the main station, 5.3 to 60 acres, etc. American Heart governs EMS – For every one minute of high quality CPR is a life saver. Your second chance is reduced by 10 percent after 10 minutes. So He questions the board about the change and advises that they have put individual residents at risk now.

Commissioner C. Jordan advises that that decision was made in May. No other changes will take place until we have the chain of command. The EMS policy in place now will stay.

President Hilger further questions if the Board receives labor management reports because he feels the information is not getting back to the board. Commissioner Walter advises Clerk Brown to start sending the minutes to all board members as they are prepared.

Motion to accept a Resolution authorizing a closed-session for 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 Baylis, Seconded by Commissioner Walter. **ROLE CALL:** AYE; COMMISSIONER WALTER: AYE; COMMISSIONER C. JORDAN: AYE; COMMISSIONER BAYLIS: AYE; COMMISSIONER PASQUA.

Meeting closed to the public for Executive at 8:25 p.m.

Executive session opened at 8:25 p.m. In attendance are Commissioner Walter, C. Jordan, Baylis, and Pasqua. Deputy Chief Byrnes, President John Hussey, FF Granato, FF Hilger, Chief Fatovic, Attorney Joseph Youssoff, and Administrative Clerk Brown.

Executive session closed at 9:29 p.m.

Regular meeting reopened at 9:29 p.m.

Meeting for chain of command scheduled for Tuesday, August 27 at 8:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:32 p.m. by Commissioner C. Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Walter. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners C. Jordan, Walter, Baylis and Pasqua. **NAY:** None

COMMISSIONER B. PASQUA, SECRETARY