

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner M. Jordan on May 17, 2010.

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

ABSENT – Commissioners C. Jordan

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

VOLUNTEER COMPANY REPORT – President John Hussey advises that there is one new member. Martina Sherwood. Motion by M. Jordan to Accept Martina pending the outcome of her background check, seconded by Commissioner Baylis.
VOTE: AYE: Commissioners M. Jordan, Walter, Pasqua and Baylis. **NAY:** None

Discussion regarding background check test pilot. Went thru new company. The company will not take a personal check. Many of the new members cannot afford to lay out the funding in advance. Request that the Board pay for it with their credit card Motion by Commissioner Walter to use the Board's credit card, seconded by M. Jordan.
VOTE: AYE: Commissioners M. Jordan, Walter, Pasqua and Baylis. **NAY:** None

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT - Attorney Youssouff advised that the creation of a joint bureau of fire prevention was discussed by other districts. He can advise that District 4 is not interested in creating a joint board of fire prevention. This item to be tabled for further discussion.

Board advised that Attorney and Chief Byrnes appeared in Trenton before the Local Finance Board. The \$191,000 bonding was approved by the State unanimously. Administrative Clerk Brown has sent out proposal letters to our various banks and the Bond Counsel is preparing the resolution, which we should get back shortly.

Attorney advises of several proposed changes down at the state:
(1) Cap of 2.5% of the budget. This would be a hard cap on all levels of municipal govt and no deviation of the cap.
(2) 2.5% on all state government operations

(3) Perc Reform. Three arbitrators for the contract, you will pick one of the three instead of picking from the 25.

(4) Arbitrators will be mandated to consider awards against property taxes

(5) Barr arbitrators to increase over 2.5%

(6) Pension benefits reform

(7) Capping sick leave and carrying forward limited to \$15,000.

(8) Shared Services reform: When local units current law requires buy out of local contracts. Eliminates certain civil service protection when services are shared

(9) Current Buy outs for shared services

(10) Allows Furloughs

(11) County and municipalities to opt out of civil service – 15% of voter approval needed.

(12) Reclassified

(13) Reclassified

(14) Firefighters discipline reform

(15) Revised layoff rules

(16) Civil Service Commissioner more day to day control

(17) Increase testing and appeal testing fees

(18) Seasonal appointments for 9 months

(19) School and Fire Elections to be moved to November

(20) Tax Refunds

(21) Expand Parties

(22) 32 devoted to higher and local school districts.

Resolution to approve Chapter 88 health benefits for all employees. Motion to accept by Commissioner M. Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Walter.

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

Discussion regarding the repairs for the jimmy that the township donated. The truck is out of service. It needs a water pump, front and rear brake lines for a total cost of between 3500 to 5000. Vehicle has been labeled unsafe to drive. Commissioner Baylis recommends that we let the truck go and use it for extrication drill. Maybe it can be used for project crash. Commissioner M. Jordan feels that hunter jersey Peterbilt is highly expensive and that we should get another price quote. Commissioner Walter feels that we are working hard to keep our budget low but doesn't want to make a decision without another estimate. Get the Kelly blue book value and compare. Motion by Commissioner Walter to get another estimate and if the repairs exceed \$2,000, vehicle will be used for extrication. Seconded by Commissioner Baylis. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners M. Jordan, Walter, Pasqua and Baylis. **NAY:** None

Discussion regarding filling of SCBA bottles again per an email chief received from Lt. Schoch.

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

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS –. Discussion regarding soot still in the ducts. Motion by Commissioner Walter and seconded by Commissioner Jordan to get the ducts all cleaned. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners M. Jordan, Walter, Pasqua and Baylis. **NAY:** None

Discussion regarding alarm system and maintenance of it. Ok to put Commissioner Pasqua and Commissioner Walter on the phone list to be called.

OPEN TO PUBLIC: Ray Tremor of Jackson Mills discusses concerns of any rift between 54 and 55. Was unaware of any protocol changes being made. One Chief should not be able to make the changes. This was a mutual aid agreement signed by all chiefs. Ray contacted Commissioner Matt Jordan and is requesting a remedy to the problem before it blows up and becomes a bigger problem. Attorney Youssouff strong urges that this matter be talked out between the two chiefs and try for a resolution. Ray advises that Station 57 advised him to work it out with the 55 chief and Station 56 felt it was wrong for 55 chief to change anything without the support of all the other chiefs. Chief Fatovic says he did his research and feels he is acting in the best interest of the residents of district 3.

No Updates to Executive Sessions.

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 M. Jordan, Seconded by Commissioner Walter. **ROLE CALL: AYE;** COMMISSIONER WALTER: AYE; COMMISSIONER M. JORDAN: AYE; COMMISSIONER PASQUA; AYE; COMMISSIONER BAYLIS.

Meeting closed to the public for Executive at 8:15 p.m.

Executive session opened at 8:15 p.m. In attendance are Commissioner Walter, Baylis, M. Jordan and Pasqua. Attorney Joseph Youssouff and Administrative Clerk Brown.

Executive session closed at 8:54 p.m.

Regular meeting reopened at 8:54 p.m.

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

COMMISSIONER B. PASQUA, SECRETARY