

**MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 17, 2014

**Fire Department Headquarters Station
Meeting Minutes #4**

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Cornue
2. Commissioner Roura
3. Commissioner Shestack
4. Commissioner Ridenour (arrived at 8:10 PM)
5. Commissioner Hamilton
6. Chief of Department Colucci
7. Deputy Chief Burnett
8. Administrator Jones

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Shestack at 8:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

The Public Announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

PRESENTATION OF "GET FIRER UP FOR LITERACY" PROGRAM CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION:

Commissioner Shestack thanked Lieutenant Opizzi for coordinating the program again this year and appreciated his efforts over the years. He asked him to come up and make the presentations to the sponsors and participants. The only participant in attendance was Springville Principal Dr. Gailen Mitchell. Springville School had the greatest number of reading participants and the most minutes read this year and was honored with a plaque. This is the 1st year that Springville School has had the most participants and took the top spot from the Larchmont School, who won the award last year. He congratulated the Springville School participants and presented Dr. Mitchell with a plaque and a Certificate of Appreciation. He acknowledged the list of other sponsors and participants who could not be present tonight; Rick Lombardo (Mount Laurel Target Store), Julie Binger (Manager of Special Projects for the Mount Laurel Library), Penny Petty (Awards Manager of MJ Corporate Sales), Marie Reynolds (Director of Communications for the Mount Laurel Board of Education) and Alexis McKinnis (Regional Sales Manager of This & That Uniforms).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the March 2014 monthly bills totaling \$1,401,729.97 that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. The Administrator noted that 2 items significantly increased the total this month - a \$47,000 interest payment on the bond issue and the \$738,000 employer annual pension payment that is due on 4/1/14.

MONTHLY REPORT BY ADMINISTRATOR:

The Administrator had submitted his monthly report to the Board for their review prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the Board on his report.

BOARD QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT:

The Chief of Department had submitted his monthly report to the Board for their review prior to the meeting. Commissioner Shestack asked him about the damage to Quint 3615 and he stated that repairs were being done by our shop. Chief of Department Colucci added that Mechanic Skeenes was doing a lot of KME warranty work.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations: Commissioner Shestack reported that the Committee had met to work on an outline of the Bond Issue Referendum Special Election newsletter and that significant progress had been made on the milestone timeline that Administrator Jones had created. A PowerPoint presentation and video will be developed to assist the public in understanding the proposed scope of work for the Bond Issue. Several members of the career staff have offered assistance with these efforts and a draft of the newsletter should be available in early April for final approval by the Board.

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:

None.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

Commissioner Shestack stated that those sponsors and participants that couldn't attend tonight's meeting would either be invited to an upcoming Special Meeting or their certificates will be delivered to them by Lieutenant Opizzi on behalf of the Board. Chief of Department Colucci advised that he will see to it that this is taken care of.

Resolution #2014-19 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8:13 PM.
A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:14 PM.
THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 8:56 PM.**

Commissioner Roura made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:57 PM.