

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

June 16, 2014

Fire Department Headquarters Station
Meeting Minutes #7

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Cornue
2. Commissioner Ridenour
3. Commissioner Roura
4. Commissioner Shestack
5. Commissioner Hamilton
6. Chief of Department Colucci
7. Deputy Chief Burnett
8. Administrator Jones
9. Solicitor Braslow

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Shestack at 8:03 PM.

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

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

PRESENTATION of 2014 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARD TO FIREFIGHTER BROOKS by the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Knights of Columbus representative Mike Miller presented the 2014 Volunteer Service Recognition award to Firefighter Gary Brooks.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2014-31 "Appointment of Daniel Z. Novak to Active Membership in the Fellowship Fire Company #2 and the Mount Laurel Fire Department". Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Commissioner Cornue administered the oath of office to the new member.

Resolution #2014-32 "Appointment of David Schlessinger to the Position of Firefighter for the Year 2014". Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Commissioner Ridenour administered the oath of office to the new employee.

The Board took a brief recess at 8:13 PM so that the families of Firefighters Novak and Schlessinger could take pictures. The Board meeting resumed at 8:26 PM.

Resolution #2014-33 "Authorization for the Sale of Surplus Property". Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Ridenour reported that he had reviewed the bills presented for payment this month and that he found everything to be in order. He made a motion to approve June 2014 bills totaling \$653,793.53 that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

MONTHLY REPORT BY ADMINISTRATOR:

The Administrator had submitted his monthly report to the Board for their review prior to the meeting. He reported that the GovDeal auction was successful and referred to the sale summary that was attached to his monthly report. Commissioner Shestack liked the fact that we generated over \$15,000 from the sale of these surplus assets. Administrator Jones reported that the Bond Referendum newsletter will be dropped off at the Post Office this Friday for distribution next Monday and that the Open House forums would take place next Saturday, 6/28/14 and Monday, 6/30/14. He reminded everyone that the Special Election would take place in the Headquarters Meeting Room on Saturday, 7/10/14 from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

BOARD QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT:

Chief of Department Colucci had submitted his monthly report to the Board for their review prior to the meeting. He announced the funeral arrangements for Firefighter Michael Colbridge. Commissioner Shestack noted that he had spoken with his spouse, Trish Colbridge and that she expressed how grateful she is for everything that the staff was doing for her.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:

Solicitor Braslow updated the Board on several fire service bills that have been introduced in the legislature and that some of them were good but that most of them had little chance of becoming law. One that he felt was potentially helpful would allow for the creation of regional Fire Districts that crossed municipal boundaries, which is something that the State Association of Fire Districts supports and have asked for in the past. He also noted that the State Comptroller has finally released his report critiquing Fire Districts and the low voter turnout for Fire District elections.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Roura expressed his condolences to Firefighter Colbridge's family and the members of the Department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

IAFF Local 4408 President Kathleen Kirvan, 14 E. Coach Lane in Mount Laurel thanked the Board and the Chiefs' office for everything that has been done for Firefighter Colbridge and his family over the past few months. She added that everyone was suffering right now and that they appreciated everything that has been done for them.

Resolution #2014-34 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". Commissioner Hamilton 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 8:47 PM.
A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:50 PM.
THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 9:30 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 9:31 PM.