

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

September 15, 2014

**Fire Department Headquarters Station
Meeting Minutes #11**

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

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Shestack at 8:01 PM.

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

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

Chief of Department Colucci presented a recognition award to the crew of Rescue 3629 (Lieutenant Opizzi, Firefighter Jenkins and Firefighter Haas) for a CPR save that they made on 7/14/14.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2014-48 "Authorization for the Sale of Surplus Equipment Assets". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Resolution #2014-49 "Resolution of the Commissioners of Fire District #1, in the Township of Mount Laurel, County of Burlington, New Jersey Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$2,950,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014; Making Certain Covenants to Maintain the Exemption of Interest on Said Bonds From Federal Income Taxation; and Authorizing Such Further Actions and Making Such Determinations as may be Necessary or Appropriate to Effect the Issuance and Sale of Said Bonds". Commissioner Shestack asked Administrator Jones why the Treasurer wasn't listed in Section 9 of the resolution and Administrator Jones replied this the resolution format was prepared by Bond Counsel and that he did not know why. Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to approve the amended 12/2/13 Special Meeting minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was approved by the Board with Commissioner Hamilton abstaining.

Commissioner Hamilton asked why the 8/4/14 Special Meeting minutes did not reflect his comment to Fellowship President Paul Guelich that he had forfeited his chance to address the Board because he arrived late to the meeting. He had asked that his comment be included in the meeting minutes and that it had not been. Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the correction as noted by Commissioner Hamilton that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to approve the 8/18/14 Regular Meeting minutes that were seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was approved by the Board with Commissioner Shestack abstaining.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Ridenour reported that he had reviewed the monthly bills for September and that they were all in order. He made a motion to approve September 2014 bills totaling \$936,155.98 that was seconded by Commissioner Roura. Administrator Jones commented that payment of the 2010 General Obligation bond issue annual principal and interest due on 10/1 was included in the bills. 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. There were no questions or comments by the Board.

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 under separate cover. Commissioner Roura asked him about our preparations for the annual Township Fall Festival event and he replied that we were working on them and would be represented.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds: Commissioner Ridenour reported that the Administrator, Chief of Department and Deputy Chief attended the Local Finance Meeting hearing on our bond referendum application on 9/10/14 and that our application was unanimously approved. Administrator Jones added that the hearing was over in about 3 minutes with the members of the Local Finance Board impressed that we had over 400 voters turn out. Commissioner Ridenour added that the Board appreciates the great deal of work that went into this effort and Commissioner Shestack agreed that the staff has done all of the heavy lifting on this.

Commissioner Ridenour asked Chief of Department Colucci how the Hainesport Fire Company shared services agreement was going. Chief of Department Colucci replied that he has received a shared services agreement from Cherry Hill that he is reviewing and will use as a model for the agreement that he was still preparing.

Labor Management: Commissioner Cornue reported that Captain McCorkle and Deputy Chief Burnett have been working on the Firehouse Software data template needed to implement the LOSAP changes. He felt that they were preparing to roll out the new LOSAP and stipend proposals to the Board at the 10/6/14 Special Meeting. He was hoping that there would be a brief presentation on the proposals that night with discussion and questions from the Board to follow. Commissioner Shestack added that although this major revision of the LOSAP program has to be approved by the voters at the annual election, the Board of Fire Commissioners still have the right to approve funding for it each year in the budget. Solicitor Braslow disagreed and stated that once a LOSAP program is approved by voters, the Board is obligated to fund it in the annual budget.

Technology: Commissioner Shestack reported that IT Technician Lupan has been pretty busy fixing stuff and improving the performance of some of our desktop computers to eliminate some problems that the staff had been reporting.

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:

None.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

Resolution #2014-50 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8:46 PM.
A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:47 PM.
THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 10:05 PM.**

Commissioner Hamilton 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 10:06 PM.