

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

March 20, 2017

Fire Department Headquarters Station
Meeting Minutes #5

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Ridenour
2. Commissioner Roura
3. Commissioner Shestack
4. Commissioner Cornue
5. Deputy Chief Burnett
6. Administrator Jones
7. Solicitor Braslow

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Hamilton
2. Chief of Department Colucci

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

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

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Shestack.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2017-21 "Resolution Authorizing Participation of Mount Laurel Fire District #1 to Enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Westampton". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The Board members were individually polled and unanimously approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the 2/6/17 Special Meeting minutes, 2/21/17 Regular Meeting minutes and 3/7/17 Special Meeting minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board with Commissioner Cornue abstaining.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Roura reported that he had reviewed the March monthly bills and found them all to be in order. He noted that the bill total this month was significantly larger than normal due to the encumbrance of annual employer pension payments totaling about \$960,000 and bond interest payments of about \$80,000. He made a motion to approve monthly bills for March totaling \$1,537,768.87 that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. 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 and there were no questions from members of the Board.

MONTHLY REPORT BY THE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT:

Chief of Department Colucci had submitted his monthly report to the Board for their review prior to the meeting and there were no questions from members of the Board.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Grounds: Administrator Jones reported that all 3 contracts (site work, roofing/envelope work and the Station 362 emergency generator) were still open. Punch list items for all 3 projects were being addressed and now that warmer weather is on the horizon, they should all be completed soon. A walkthrough with the roofing/envelope general contractor is scheduled for next week and most of those items should be confirmed as being completed. The plumber that installed the natural gas supply piping for the Station 362 emergency generator will be out by the end of March to make modifications to fix a gas supply problem that has been noted. Commissioner Ridenour added that we found a few minor Station 361 roof leaks following last week's snowstorm that the roofer will be addressing.

COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:

Solicitor Braslow reported on the status of the annual election date change legislation, which seems to be down to 2 issues - changes to several Title 40A statutes and agreement on the public voting hours for the Special Capital Project Meetings. He wanted the voting hours to be 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM but the DCA was pushing for 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM because they didn't want to potentially disenfranchise voters that work the night shift. He added that he was not going to budge on this issue because they have changed their position on this so many times and most of the Fire Districts that he has discussed this with are okay with the 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM hours. He also noted that the language that he wanted included regarding the permissibility of Fire Districts to build administration buildings, fire training facilities, fire apparatus maintenance facilities and so forth looks like it has been added back into the draft bill.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Cornue stated that he felt good to be back on the Board. Commissioner Roura noted his condolences to Mayor Dennis Riley's family on the passing of his father who was a 30-year veteran of the Philadelphia Fire Department and that the Mount Laurel Fire Department was well represented at the viewing. He also noted that Personnel Assistant Delp's grandfather passed away last week.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None. There were no members from the public in the audience.

Resolution #2017-22 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8:16 PM.
A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:17 PM.
THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 8:29 PM.**

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM.