

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

May 15, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ridenour at 8:34 PM.

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

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

SWEAR-IN CEREMONY: Firefighter John Stenton was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He was also recognized for his service with the department along with his strong commitment to the duty crew program in 2016.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution #2017-26 "Appointment of Justin C. Bates to Active Membership in the Fellowship Fire Company #2 and the Mount Laurel Fire Department" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Resolution #2017-27 "Appointment of Mark Patricola to Active Membership in the Fellowship Fire Company #2 and the Mount Laurel Fire Department" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Resolution #2017-28 "FIRST Responder Joint Insurance Fund Resolution for Renewal of Membership" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board took a brief recess at 8:47 PM so that the families of Lt. Stenton and the new members could take pictures. The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:59 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2016 that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Roura reported that he had reviewed the May monthly bills and found them all to be in order. He made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$565,840.47 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 had nothing further to add. Commissioner Shestack asked, when do we receive our May check from the township? Administrator Jones replied he thinks it was already deposited because income is up from the previous month. Commissioner Shestack then inquired, how much was the payment? Administrator Jones replied about 2.2 million, and when you add in that factor, we are ahead of the curve.

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, and had nothing further to add. He reported that the township Memorial Day ceremony is on Friday the 26th at Laurel Acres Park, the county is having their memorial on the 17th at the BCESTC, and on June 19th the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation will be hosting a golf outing here in Mount Laurel. The Fall Fest Committee is starting up, no date as of yet. Commissioner Roura asked how the drill went and when will a final report be released. Chief Colucci explained that we held a full-scale mass casualty incident exercise on May 6 that included participants from the Board of Ed, police, fire, ems, mutual aid companies; and everything went well and a full interaction report will be out once all players involved have met.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds: Administrator Jones said we didn't meet with the architect because he said we aren't in a position to meet because Fuente Construction hasn't finished their final work and neither have the people that installed the generator. He said we did meet with the engineer and the site work contractor and we are proceeding with close out documents. The only thing they have left to do is patch some cracks in the asphalt up at 361, and they need to do some landscaping.

Commissioner Ridenour reported that the rain storm we had prior to this last one he had stopped in 361 and noticed in the back of the station the down spouts were not handling the water flow and it was dumping onto the sidewalk. He said in reporting this to the Administrator we seem to think that possibly the underground piping may be undersized and isn't handling the volume of water and what it is doing is it's filling up the collectors and just dumping over. This could create a problem in the winter in that if we get rain and the ground is cold we're going to get a sheet of ice in that area so we'll need to look at another avenue to get that water away from the building. Administrator Jones said we are going to ask MUA to come in with their camera and scope it to see if there is a block somewhere. He said you've got seven or eight down spouts that are pouring into an eight inch pipe, and this only happens on a very heavy rain storm. He then reported we had a small leak over the weekend along the engine room wall and will send a picture to the contractor.

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:

Solicitor Braslow commented on a decision that DCA had made on another fire district. He stated the chief's car was broadsided and was totally destroyed. The chief contacted DCA as he wanted to confirm in replacing the vehicle, and he was told it wasn't an emergency and that he has to get capital approval this year but can't spend the money until next year to replace the vehicle. He asked if that shows a lack of understanding fire issues.

He reported on the legislation regarding fire district elections stating he is waiting for the final draft that has been agreed upon and is to be heard by a committee this month, but has not heard anything yet in the senate. It would then go to the full senate for a vote, go to the assembly which agreed to accept the senate version, and the word we are getting is the governor has no problem. He said this now dovetails, as he hasn't heard from DCA.

He then reported that his Cherry Hill settlement conference with the appellant division is scheduled for the 25th and it'll be interesting to him to see what their position is because he knows they are aware of the legislation. He said we haven't heard anything from them officially but through his discussion with the deputy attorney general they are aware of it. He said it will be interesting to see if he settles this case because if they are willing to endorse legislation or think it is going to get through they have every reason to settle his Cherry Hill case. He said if they don't settle the case it gives him every indication that this is going to cause us problems with the legislation.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Shestack wanted to make sure IT Lupan is on top of this Ransomware virus.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

Resolution #2017-29 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Roura that was seconded by Commissioner Roura. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 9:10 PM.
A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 9:11 PM.
THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 9:59 PM.**

Commissioner Roura made a motion that we adjust the starting time for the June regular meeting for 7:00 PM that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 PM.