

**MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING / WORK SESSION**

October 6, 2014

Fire Department Headquarters Station

Meeting Minutes #12

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Shestack at 8:02 PM.

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

The Public Announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2014-52 "FIRST Responder Joint Insurance Fund Resolution for Renewal of Membership". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Cornue briefed the Board on the proposed changes to the Clothing Allowance and LOSAP Programs. He added that the team working on these changes have spent a great deal of time doing research and better understanding FLSA and IRS compliance issues. A meeting with Don Huber of the DCA regarding the LOSAP changes is being held tomorrow and Chief of Department Colucci added that he should be able to give us guidance on the steps involved in getting the changes approved for implementation. Administrator Jones added that the magnitude of the LOSAP changes and the funding increase that the changes will require, the easiest way to modify the LOSAP Eligibility Document will be to strike out all of the existing text and add the new text. Solicitor Braslow added that the DCA will advise us what needs to be done but if the changes are substantial, it will most likely need to be approved by the voters at the annual election. Commissioner Shestack asked why we needed to change the funding level and Administrator Jones replied that the current \$57,443 funding limit in the budget will likely be exceeded in the next few years due to the changes being proposed. Commissioner Cornue agreed that although we have some cushion now, it is likely that we will exceed the funding limit in the next few years as more members qualify under the new requirements. He added that the Board will get a full presentation on the proposals once the team gets through all of the details.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

Resolution #2014-51 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Ridenour. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8:18 PM.

A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:19 PM.

THE CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED AT 9:30 PM.

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:31 PM.