

**MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING / SPECIAL MEETING**

December 1, 2014

Fire Department Headquarters Station

Meeting Minutes #16

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

Note: Due to a failure of the recorder to save the audio file of this meeting, these meeting minutes have been created from notes and mental recollections of Administrator Jones.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Shestack at 8:04 PM.

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

The Public Announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton

Commissioner Roura made a motion to open a Public Hearing on the proposed LOSAP amendments that was seconded by Commissioner Ridenour. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Firefighters John Stenton and Martin Sezack thanked the Board for moving ahead with the proposed LOSAP amendments and felt that it will have a significant impact on staff morale and participation. Firefighter Stenton had several questions for Chief of Department Colucci about how volunteer firefighters that "acted-out-of-title" would be compensated with LOSAP points.

Commissioner Roura made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the proposed LOSAP amendments that was seconded by Commissioner Ridenour. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Shestack read into the record that "the legal voters present for tonight's Special Meeting are asked to vote on whether the Board of Fire Commissioners shall be permitted to include \$267,000 in Capital Improvement Program appropriations in the 2015 Budget that will be considered by the legal voters at the annual election that will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2015. The \$267,000 requested is broken down as follows:

- 1) Replacement of 2 existing shop support vehicles with 2 new pickup trucks with snowplows (\$67,000)
- 2) Funding of the Capital Reserve Fund with \$200,000 to fund future capital projects

Administrator Jones explained that these vehicles would replace the current Shop pickup and Shop maintenance truck with 2 new pickup trucks with crew cabs, emergency warning devices and snowplows. The existing vehicles will be stripped of any useable equipment and put up for auction to the highest bidder on GovDeals."

He added that the voting would begin at 8:30 PM in the back of the meeting room and would conclude at 9:30 PM.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2014-59 "Resolution Amending the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the Mount Laurel Fire District #1". Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Resolution #2014-60 "Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Architectural, Structural, M.P. & E., & Roof Design Consulting Services in Fiscal Year 2014 to the Design Collaborative Architects & Planners, P.

A.” Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

Resolution #2014-61 “Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act”. Commissioner Roura 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 8:46 PM.

A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:47 PM.

THE CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED AT 9:27 PM.

Administrator Jones announced the outcome of the voting that took place between the hours of 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM. The vote was 13 “yes” votes and 0 “no” votes. This result allows the Board to include the Capital Improvement Program appropriation in the 2015 Budget that will be voted on by voters at the annual election in February.

Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve Firefighter Cimino’s request to extend his participation in the Donated Leave Program that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:55 PM.