

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

March 3, 2015

Fire Department Headquarters Station  
Meeting Minutes #4

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

*Note: The batteries of the tape recorder used to record this meeting died during the meeting, therefore these meeting minutes have been created from notes and mental recollections of Administrator Jones and Chief of Department Colucci.*

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 Cornue.

**SWEAR-IN OF COMMISSIONERS-ELECT RIDENOUR AND HAMILTON:**

Commissioner Cornue administered the oath of office to Commissioners-elect Ridenour and Hamilton.

**REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to nominate Commissioner Shestack for the position of Chairman that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board with Commissioner Shestack abstaining.

Commissioner Roura made a motion to nominate Commissioner Ridenour for the position of Vice-Chairman that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Shestack made a motion to nominate Commissioner Roura for the position of Treasurer that was seconded by Commissioner Ridenour. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Roura made a motion to nominate Commissioner Hamilton for the position of Clerk that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Roura made a motion to nominate Commissioner Cornue for the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Shestack announced Standing Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson assignments as follows:

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Chairperson</u></b>	<b><u>Vice-Chairperson</u></b>
Buildings and Grounds	Commissioner Ridenour	Commissioner Roura
Community Relations	Commissioner Shestack	Commissioner Cornue
Equipment	Commissioner Hamilton	Commissioner Cornue
Finance	Commissioner Roura	Commissioner Shestack
Fire Prevention	Commissioner Hamilton	Commissioner Roura
Information Technology	Commissioner Roura	Commissioner Shestack
Insurance	Commissioner Shestack	Commissioner Hamilton
Labor Management	Commissioner Roura	Commissioner Cornue
Long Range Planning	Commissioner Cornue	Commissioner Hamilton
Personnel	Commissioner Roura	Commissioner Cornue
Training	Commissioner Ridenour	Commissioner Hamilton

Commissioner Hamilton asked the Board what he was supposed to do as the Chairman of his Committees and Commissioner Shestack provided him with a general summary of each Committee's responsibilities. Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the Standing Committee assignments that was seconded by Commissioner Ridenour. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioners Ridenour and Hamilton thanked everyone for their support in the election. Commissioner Shestack thanked them for their service.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #2015-15 "Regular & Special Meeting Dates for 2015-2016". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Ridenour. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Building & Grounds: Commissioner Ridenour reported that work on the facilities maintenance project continues and that we should be in a position to begin the bidding process soon.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Chief of Department Colucci recommended that at the 3/16/15 Regular Meeting, Captain McCorkle be promoted to Battalion Chief to fill the vacancy that will be created by Battalion Chief Bigoss' mandatory retirement from active firefighting duty on 3/9/15 when he reaches 65 years of age. After a brief discussion, the Board concurred with his recommendation.

He reported that our 911 Memorial application to the Site Plan Review Board will be on their agenda next week and that we do not anticipate any problems in getting it approved. He added that our grant request has been approved by EP Henry for the pavers needed for the memorial, which will save us a lot of money.

He reported that ISO representatives will be here this week to begin the ISO rating evaluation that he hoped would result in an improvement in our current "4" rating. After a brief discussion about this evaluation and what it means to the Township, the Board hoped that we could improve the rating and potentially save our residents and businesses money on their fire insurance premiums.

He asked the Board for their support of a letter that he wanted to send to the sponsors of an Assembly bill to move our annual election to November. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that this was important to support and asked him to prepare the letter for their review and signature.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None.

Resolution #2015-16 "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 ADJOURNED AT 8:44 PM.  
A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:47 PM.  
THE CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED AT 9:52 PM.**

Commissioner Roura made a motion to deny the Step 3 appeal of the Chenier grievance that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board with Commissioners Hamilton and Shestack abstaining.

Commissioner Roura 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 9:53 PM.**