

September 22, 2014

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

Board Chairman Charles Bauer called the workshop meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Florence Township Fire District No. 1 to order at 6:30pm. After saluting the flag, the following statement of compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was read by the chairman:

“This meeting is being held in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting has been sent to and published in the Burlington County Times and the Register News. It has also been published at the township municipal building and on the fire district’s website.”

ROLL CALL: Present – C. Bauer, B. Mayer, A. Popso, W. Rzomp

Absent – S. Arnold

Also in attendance was Chief Scully.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt RESOLUTION 2014-18 APPOINTING OF FIRE CHIEF.
A motion was made by Commissioner Mayer and seconded by Commissioner Popso to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-18 APPOINTING OF FIRE CHIEF as of January 1, 2015. Roll call vote: Commissioner Arnold is absent; Commissioner Bauer – Yes; Commissioner Mayer – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Rzomp – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.
B/C Mullen will advertise it in the papers.
2. Discussion 2015 Budget – B/C Mullen explained that there is a new questionnaire that needs to be completed for the budget process. There was a discussion on the use of District vehicles and getting permission for use of same. There are a few members that come and use district vehicles without permission, such as the utility truck. B/C Mullen stated we can solve that by the Chief or him writing a directive. If the truck is being used and we need it for a call involving the boat, then that creates a problem.
3. Commissioner Bauer had a discussion about our members’ insurance coverage through the JIF (Joint Insurance Firefighters) and that the Company should fall under the Commission and under the Chiefs. He wants to make sure if something should happen at a Company function such as the picnic that they are automatically covered. B/C Mullen reported that Chief Scully has created an organization chart that was sent to Commissioner Rzomp. He will send out the org. chart and B/C Mullen will put it on the agenda for the next meeting. Chief Scully reported that he put the Chief and Deputy Chief over everyone. Right now we have a Career Chief and a volunteer Chief over everybody. Commissioner Rzomp recommended they set up a meeting with two Commissioners, the Chiefs, the Company

President, and one other person to review the organization chart. Chief Mullen suggested instead of trying to meet with them, go to the next Company meeting explain what their goal is. Nothing is going to change on how the Company operates. Commissioner Bauer commented that the Company had the firefighters' appreciation dinner and there was alcohol there. And if someone left there and had an accident, it would be on the District because we gave them the money for it. B/C Mullen will contact our insurance agent for the JIF and find out for sure. The other functions like the hoagie sales are on our property and the District would be responsible if someone should get hurt. The Relief and the Exempt Associations are their own organizations and do not answer to or fall under the Fire Company. The whole point of adding the Company to the organizational chart is so that if anything were to ever happen and there is a law suit, it will be clearly defined on paper where they fall. All of the vehicles including the trailer belong to the District. The Company purchased the antique fire truck but it is insured by the District.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Rzomp reported that he and President Yurcho discussed the remaining of the review board as per policy for the Chiefs and line officers. They have chosen Marvin Wainwright to sit on the Chief's Board with Ex-Chief Albert Jacoby. And they chose Ex-Chief Albert Jacoby and Mr. Robert Schoen to sit on the officer's selection committee. For the Chief's selection committee: B/C Mullen (as highest ranking career officer), Bill Rzomp, Albert J. Jacoby, Marvin Wainwright, and George Yurcho. For the Officer's selection committee, the Chief sits on the committee and will select two, and the President sits on the committee and has selected Ex-Chief Albert J. Jacoby and Mr. Robert Schoen for a total of six people. The chiefs are done in October and the captains and lieutenants are in November.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mayer, and seconded by Commissioner Rzomp to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Seeing no one,

A motion was made by Commissioner Mayer, and seconded by Commissioner Popso to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mayer and seconded by Commissioner Rzomp to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:54 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn H. Taylor