

February 22, 2016

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Board Chairman Charles Bauer called the workshop meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Florence Township Fire District No. 1 to order at 7:00 pm. 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, A. Popso, R. Schoen

Absent – W. Berry, B. Mayer

Also in attendance were Chief Kevin Mullen, Deputy Chief Keith Scully, Battalion Chief Steven Taylor, FM Brian Richardson, IT Specialist C. Todd Estelow, Chief EMT Carolyn Taylor, Captain Joe Wargo, and Chaplain Richardson.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Adopt **Resolution 2016-05 Closed Session**

A motion was made by Commissioner Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Popso to adopt Resolution 2016-05 Closed Session. Roll call vote: Commissioner Berry – Absent; Commissioner Mayer – Absent; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Bauer – Yes. Motion carried unanimously at 19:03 hours.

2. Motion to adjourn closed session

A motion was made at 19:30 pm by Commissioner Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Popso to adjourn closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Popso to pay all the bills with the exception of PSE&G and Verizon bills. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Popso to pay the PSE&G bill. Motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Popso to pay the Verizon bill. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approve financing from National Penn Bancshares, Inc. for SCBA after review by Solicitor. Chief Mullen reported the Solicitor is still reviewing the loan documents.

A motion was made by Commission Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Popso to approve the financing from National Penn Bancshares, Inc. for SCBA pending the approval of loan documents by Solicitor Gaskill. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval to pay for SCBA per HGAC agreement after Chief Mullen review of order. Once order is complete, payment will be made.
A motion was made to pay for SCBA per HGAC agreement once order is complete. Motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Bauer commended the Fire District, the Fire Company, and everyone involved. You did a great job. "Last weekend, this weekend, I couldn't be more proud. Everybody. Everybody, from firefighters to the fire police, to the auxiliary, our police officers. I just hope that we never have another week like we had."
2. Commission Bauer reported someone stepped down from the truck committee and is appointing Bob Schoen to the truck committee to continue on to take care of meeting with the guys on the truck committee and getting it going. He is a very good candidate there.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

1. Steven Taylor, Main Street, Roebling, NJ

B/C Taylor: "I would like to reiterate what the Chairman said. The last couple of weeks have been busy due to fire and I'd like to just thank the members that were able to come out and thank the members that thought about Matt Hempel and the loss that we sustained with him. Thank you."

Commissioner Bauer: "Anybody else? Seeing no one at this time..."

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

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ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Schoen and seconded by Commissioner Popso to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 19:40 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn H. Taylor