

November 14, 2016

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER, 2016

Board Chairman Robert Schoen called the regular 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 Trenton Times. It has also been posted at the township municipal building and on the fire district’s website.”

ROLL CALL: Present – W. Berry, J. Fratinardo, R. Schoen

Absent – C. Bauer, A. Popso

Also in attendance were Chief Mullen, B/C S. Taylor, EMS Chief C. Taylor, IT Estelow, Captain Wargo, Captain Ekelburg, and Solicitor Gaskill.

MINUTES

1. Minutes of previous meeting – Open Session October 10, 2016
A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve the minutes of open session October 10, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDITORS REPORT: (Rob Inverso)

1. None.

SOLICITOR: Robert Gaskill

1. Nothing to report.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Mullen will submit his report to the Board via email.

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION/MAINTENANCE: FM Richardson submitted his report via email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel: None.

5-Year Planning:

1. A meeting will be held in December.

Building and Grounds:

1. None.

Insurance:

1. A claim was submitted for an accident for damage done to another vehicle.

Purchases:

1. A list was emailed to the Board.

Policy:

1. Section 1100 EMS is still under review by EMS Chief Taylor. They are almost completed.

Fire Company Liaison:

1. No report.

Radio:

1. Progress.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

1. Chief Mullen reported he received one application tonight. He will send it for a background check and then for a physical and it will be ready for the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. None.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to pay all the bills with the exception of PSE&G and Verizon bills. Motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to pay the PSE&G bill. Motion carried unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Schoen to pay the Verizon bill. Commissioner Berry abstained. Motion carried 2-0-1.
4. A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to pay the BB&T bill. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT:

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve the treasurer's report as received. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2017 Budget – Chief Mullen gave an update from the workshop meeting – He reached out to the Mayor to discuss about the use of some pilot money for the ambulance. Chief Mullen tried to go through the budget without doing a referendum for the hiring of the one firefighter, it's extremely difficult. He would like to have something set up for the workshop or the December meeting to introduce the 2017 budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Uniforms EMS – Chief Mullen reported the EMS officers are looking at some new uniforms. One of the things was an issue with our current polos that we need to address.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. None.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Hearing no one,

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to close the meeting to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Adopt Resolution 2016-27 – Closed Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to adopt Resolution 2016-27 – Closed Session. Roll call vote: Commissioner Bauer: Absent; Commissioner Berry: Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo: Yes; Commissioner Pops: Absent; Commissioner Schoen: Yes. Motion carried unanimously at 19:09.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 19:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Taylor