

May 22, 2017

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MAY 22, 2017

Board Chairman Robert Schoen 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 Trenton Times. It has also been posted at the Township Municipal building and on the Fire District’s website.”

ROLL CALL: Present – C. Bauer, W. Berry, A. Popso, R. Schoen

Absent – J. Fratinardo

Also in attendance was Chief Kevin Mullen.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Berry to pay all bills. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. New Engine Update – Chief Mullen has the final plans. At a previous meeting the he requested \$9,400.00 approval for additional items. They have since taken \$2,000.00 off of that number due to items they felt the truck did not need, and one duplicate item that was found in the final drawing. They did get the final upgrade on the hose and everything they asked for from that additional \$9,400.00 is on the final specifications.

The length of the truck is 34 feet and is just a little longer than engine 4012, and the turning radius on it is very good. It is almost the same chassis as the tower. Delivery is still on for the end of August or September 2017. The truck is already paid for, and Chief Mullen reported that we saved over \$20,000.00 by pre-paying it. The engine will have a Cummings, 350 horsepower. A larger engine had a big cost difference.

Commissioner Bauer commended Commissioner Schoen and Chief Mullen along with the entire truck committee for a good job. The committee has been very active with this truck and everybody seems to be pleased.

2. Chief Mullen reported they are planning to replace 2 trucks with the one new engine. There is another fire district that is interested in purchasing our rescue truck. It is very preliminary right now. According to our auditor, we can do a “Government to Government” purchase. We don’t necessarily have to put it out on Govdeals.com. They will be sending people to take a look at it. The truck committee needs to get a number for the purchase price of that truck regardless of who purchases it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Agreement with Phoenix Advisors - \$3,500.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Popso to approve the agreement with Phoenix Advisors for \$3,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chief Mullen gave an update on the new ambulance. There will be an ad in Thursday's newspaper that we are going out to bid for financing for a 3-year lease/purchase for the ambulance. We are applying through the local Finance Board. The Fire District financially can only do either the float bonds or do a lease/purchase, and the bond cost would just be too high. We are going to finance roughly between \$160,000 and \$170,000.

Commissioner Bauer inquired if the lease/purchase is similar to a lease on a car as when you are done there's a purchase. Chief Mullen reported that it isn't. At the end, the ambulance is ours. There is no balloon payment at the end. The payments will either be annual or bi-annual. It is the same way the financing for the engine was done except the engine was a 7-year lease/purchase and the ambulance is a 3-year lease/purchase. We have to go through local financing to get approval for this project. It is a straight forward lease/purchase – here is the amount you are financing; here is your rate; at the end of 3 years it's done and the ambulance will be ours. We will get the ambulance 3 to 5 months after the order.

The engine in the ambulance will be a V-10 manufactured by Ford, and it is a gas engine. Commissioner Bauer commented the "V-10 Ford is a nice engine."

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. None.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Hearing none,

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 19:09 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn H. Taylor