

August 14, 2017

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING August 14, 2017

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 – Charles Bauer, William Berry, John Fratinardo, Andrew Popso, and Robert Schoen

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the previous meetings – Open Session July 10, 2017.
A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve the minutes of the open session July 10, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDITORS REPORT: (Rob Inverso)

1. No report.

SOLICITOR: Robert Gaskill

1. Solicitor Gaskill reported he has conducted research pertaining to personnel and contractual matters, however nothing for open session.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel:

1. Commissioner Bauer reported personnel items will be handled via a resolution tonight.

5-Year Planning:

1. Chairman Schoen stated there is nothing to report. .

Building and Grounds:

1. FM Richardson reported that the two southern man doors from the meeting room and the eastern stairwell man door had water running overtop of them and will research overhangs to help prevent this in the future. Will be searching sealed engineering plans for the required permits. A lighting strike did hit the building with water damage to the officer’s room and the radio room. The officer’s room is projected to be repaired by weeks end,

however the radio room will take longer as some mold was found in the walls and we have to stop until an environmental survey is completed. The fire alarm system was damaged and repairs have been completed. The electronic key access system was damaged and repairs have been completed. Quotes are in some state for the following systems, IP phone system, intercom system and a security camera. The damaged trash enclosure gate has not been addressed yet, however the insurance adjuster is aware of the damage. Since we will be completely reimbursed by the insurance company and we are using state bid contractors a bid will not be required. A brief discussion was held about the phone system ensuring that the system is supported by the installing contractor freeing our IT personnel from repairing it. The current quote does provide for 1 year of support for the system. A note to exceed threshold was requested for the storm damaged replacement and additions to the phone system of \$33,000. The additions would be to support the Emergency Operations Center during major events in the township. A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and Seconded Commissioner Berry to proceed with the repairs and alterations to the phone system and the project shall not exceed \$33,000. The following was the roll call- Commissioner Berry – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; and Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Insurance:

1. A claim was filed with the First Responder JIF for damages due the storm.

Purchases:

1. A list was emailed to the Board.

Policy:

1. None.

Fire Company Liaison:

1. None.

Radio:

1. FM Richardson reported on an article in the Burlington County Times that the Burlington County Freeholders approved an 24.25 Million dollar contract with Motorola on Wednesday night which will move us from the 500 MHZ to the 700 MHZ band. It is due to be operational in early 2019. It further stated that similar to the previous system the County will be providing equipment, however it has not been decided how much will be covered at this point.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

1. None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. None.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2017-27 Authorizing an Online Auction with GovDeals for the Disposal of District Property.
A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and Seconded and Commissioner Berry to approve resolution 2017-27 authoring an online auction with govdeals for the disposal of District property. Commissioner Popso questioned the motion and a discussion followed about setting a reserve on the auction. The question was specifically directed at Solicitor Gaskill about setting the reserve. Solicitor Gaskill stated that these questions should be asked in advance so the proper research may be done. During this discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Berry to table the resolution. There was no question on the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Resolution 2017-28 Appointment of Firefighter
A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Popso. The following was the roll call - Commissioner Berry – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; and Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.
Commissioner Bauer read Resolution 2017-28.
3. Approve equipment hose adapters and appliances – not to exceed \$2200.00
A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve equipment, hose and adapters not to exceed \$2200. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve MSA Thermal Imaging Camera upgrade – not to exceed \$2400.00
A Motion was made by commissioner Berry and Seconded by Commissioner Popso to approve \$2,400 for thermal imager upgrades to the MSA airpacs. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Approve hose, ladder and pump testing – not to exceed \$5000.00
A Motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve hose, ladder and pump testing not to exceed \$5,000. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Approve 16 Channel DVR to replace the current 8 channel windows based surveillance system.
A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve a 16 channel DVR to replace our current 8 channel windows based surveillance system. On the question Commissioner Bauer asked if the system was the top of the line and FM Richardson informed the board it is a good system and much better then what we have. The higher end commercial systems on the market would be cost prohibitive; however the proposed system supports greater memory and better cameras. I informed them that Epic Systems group would install the system and the cost would not exceed \$1,350.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Bauer wanted to said the Fire Department, EMS and Police Department did a phenomenal job taking care of the residents of Florence Township the night of the storm. It was a long evening of pumping out basements which flooded as a result of the storm. Commissioner Berry Agreed and stated that everything appeared to be running smoothly when he stopped by the station.
2. Commissioner Schoen stated that FM Richardson has done a good job completing all the required work while the Chief Mullen was on vacation and EMS Chief Taylor has been out on injury.
3. Commissioner Popso stated that the 911 Memorial should be completed by this September 11th. He continues to work with the fire company to complete the memorial and asked for \$750 for items needed to complete the memorial. Commissioner Berry made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bauer to allow up to \$750 for items need to complete the memorial. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Brian Richardson, Fire Marshal, Florence Township Fire District # 1 stated it is always nice to be in the newspaper for something nice and he noted an article in the Burlington County Times. The residents of 700 Olive Street went to the Township Committee meeting and complained about the nearby development and how it affected the water run of. They however did take the time to thank the fire department for everything they did pumping out the water out of their basements.

Commissioner Bauer added that FF/EMT Jason Peters had flooding issues in his home and FF William Blackwell stated a group of FF's help Jason clean up his flooded basement. Commissioner Bauer added that the FF's continue to amaze him.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 19:33 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Richardson