

November 13, 2017

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 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 – William Berry, John Fratinardo, Andrew Popso and Robert Schoen.
Absent – Charles Bauer

Also in attendance were Chief Kevin Mullen, Captain Joe Wargo, Fire Marshal Brian Richardson and Solicitor Robert Gaskill.

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the previous meetings – Open Session October 9, 2017 and October 23, 2017. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to approve the minutes of the open session October 9, 2017 and October 23, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDITORS REPORT: (Rob Inverso)

1. No report.

SOLICITOR: Robert Gaskill

1. No report for open session.

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

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION/MAINTENANCE: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel:

1. No report.

5-Year Planning:

1. Commissioner Schoen said the committee plans to meet the end of December.

Building and Grounds:

1. No report

Insurance:***Purchases:***

1. A list was emailed to the Board.

Policy:

1. None.

Fire Company Liaison:

1. None.

Radio:

1. None.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

1. None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Chief Mullen reported a memo was sent to the Secretary from the Chiefs' Selection Committee.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rescue Engine 4011 – Chief Mullen reported Fire and Safety (Pierce) has conducted training the rescue engine. He added the graphics/lettering is scheduled to start tomorrow (November 14). He said ESI has created and installed the rescue compartment.
2. Ambulance 4081 – Chief Mullen reported the new Ambulance 4081 is in service. He said he has received positive comments on the new ambulance. He suggests the Board sell the old Ambulance 4081.

3. Rescue 4018 – Chief Mullen reported the District received several bids on the rescue with the highest bid being \$30,000 which did not meet our reserve.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Resolution 2017-31 Authorizing an Online Auction with GovDeals for the Disposal of District Property. A motion was made by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner to adopt Resolution 2017-31 Authorizing an Online Auction with GovDeals for the Disposal of District Property. Roll call vote: Commissioner Bauer – Absent; Commissioner Berry – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; and Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Approve Watchguard Firewall contract from CDW Government - A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve the Watchguard Firewall contract from CDW Government. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Chief Mullen discussed the draft 2018 Budget. Chief Mullen stated the budget contains an increase in funds for future capital projects and debt service. The increase in funds for future capital may eliminate the District has to borrow funds. He added the operating budget has a small increase of \$11,000.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Berry welcomed the Boy Scouts to the District meeting. He thanked Boy Scout troop 3 for attending the District meeting. He told the Boy Scouts Captain Wargo will give them a tour of the firehouse when we go into closed session.
2. Commissioner Popso thanked all who helped with the 9/11 Memorial.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

1. Anthony John – “Can we go look at the fire trucks?” FF/EMT Marc Stranko said we will look at them.
2. Alex Vance – “How often are fire engines purchased?” Commissioner Schoen replied “the one being replaced was purchased in 1994. It is 23 plus years old.”
3. William Krzykalski – “How many fire engines do we have?” Chief Mullen replied “the District has 2 engines, 1 tower ladder and water tender.” Commissioner Popso added “you will get to opportunity to see them when you go out there.”

Commissioner Fratinardo stated to the Boy Scouts “We start the meeting at 7 because notice to the public was given in the newspapers. We can’t start earlier because we have to give the public an opportunity to be here and we can’t start late because we have to be ready for the public, which is required by law.”

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 2017-32 – CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to adopt RESOLUTION 2017-32 – CLOSED SESSION. Roll call vote: Commissioner Bauer – Absent; Commissioner Berry – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; and Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to adjourn closed session. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sale of Rescue 4018 - A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo, seconded by Commissioner Popso to table the sale of Rescue 4018. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Selection of Chiefs – A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo, seconded by Commissioner Schoen to approve the selections (memo) from the Chiefs’ Selection Committee. Roll call vote: Commissioner Bauer – Absent; Commissioner Berry – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; and Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Mullen