

January 14, 2019

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 14, 2019

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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:

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“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.”

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ROLL CALL: Present – Charles Bauer, John Fratinardo, Andrew Popso, Jason Ryan and Robert Schoen.

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SWEARING IN CEREMONY: Chief Steven Taylor , EMS Captain Robert Reillo, Jr., EMS Lieutenants Brian Schwarz and Joseph Parker, III were all sworn in by Mayor Craig Wilkie to their respective offices by position. At the completion of the ceremonies Mrs. Carol Taylor presented her husband Chief Steven Taylor with a wooden American flag to hang as he wishes.

Chairman Schoen then placed the meeting on a brief intermission for refreshments at 7:07pm

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At 7:30pm the meeting was reconvened.
The Chiefs report was sent via e-mail-
Bureau of Fire Prevention and Maintenance was sent via E-mail

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Committee reports:

There are no Personnel or 5-year planning report.
Insurance report: The JIF met on January 9th for their annual reorientation meeting and Commissioner Popso attended as the alternate as Fund Commissioner Richardson was home sick.
There is no Policy report

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Radio report: Chief Taylor stated that he was informed that they will replace everything we own and the new system should be operational using portables this time next year.
Fire Company Liaison: Chairman Schoen stated the next meeting should be next month.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

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There are no applications for membership

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Schoen stated that the District received an email from Mellissa Ford stating that the district could proceed forward with adopting the 2019 Budget. Battalion Chief Brian Richardson stated that the e-mail was received last Thursday which allows for the budget hearing this evening. Battalion Chief Richardson also stated that he received communication From Lieutenant Brian Schwarz from Cub Scotts Pac 3 Den 2 stating “We would like to thank you for answering all of our questions about first responders at your open house. We are able the achieve the requirements for your first responder badge.”

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to pay all the bills except the PSEG bill. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to pay the PSEG bill. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Commissioner Bauer Abstaining. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to pay the BB&T bill. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2019-01 amending the 2019 Budget was adopted by the following vote. Commissioner Bauer – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

2019 Budget hearing

1. A motion was made Commissioner Fratinardo and Seconded by Commissioner Bauer. The meeting was open to the public and no public comments were made. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to close the Budget hearing to the public.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer to adopt Resolution 2019-02 the 2019 budget and was seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo. Commissioner Bauer – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made to approve a bond payment of \$37,165.63 by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Popso. All ayes and the motion carried.
2. A motion was made to approve the quarterly volunteer incentive payment per policy Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo. All ayes and the motion carried.
3. A motion was made to approve the agreement with Phoenix Advisors to manage secondary market disclosers by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All ayes and the motion carried.
4. A motion was made to approve 3 polling workings for the 2019 Fire District election and pay the workers \$150 by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Popso. All ayes and the motion carried.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Bauer stated that we have a fireman’s appreciation dinner am I correct. We do put some money towards that correct. I’m thinking that since I have been talking to some

90 people that some of the EMT's are not recognized at this dinner like they should be.
 {comment in the background stating "I can answer that for you"} The thing is that there are
 other first responders like our Police Department and should our Police Department be
 included in this dinner. Commissioner Bauer then yields the floor to Chief Taylor. Chief
 Taylor stated that in years past some communication gaps may have left some EMS staff
 95 felling excluded. Chief Taylor stated that this was discussed at last month's dinner committee
 meeting and that all members of the department will be invited to the dinner. Commissioner
 Bauer Stressed that some of our EMT are not members of the company and Chief Taylor
 Stressed that the term member is used as members of the department both company and
 district. Commissioner Bauer also asked about the Police Department and how they take care
 100 of problems before we get there and Chief Taylor stated he would take it back to the
 committee.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Fire Company President Craig Wilkie stated that the Fire Commission may not have gotten an invite last, however it is the 23rd of February and everyone should be getting an invite via e-mail. He further stated that he spoke with Liz and Fuzzy about invitations and many people are assisting with the required work. The event is part of the \$24,000 that the company receives from the District per the contact.

Mr. Michael Denelsbeck asked if were replacing on of our ambulance or if we were going to have 3 ambulances. Commissioner Schoen said that generally we replace the older unit. The question was further inquired if we were going to sell it, trade it or keep it as spare. He was advised by Chief Taylor that the decision as to keep the ambulance or not has not yet been made.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

105 1. Adopt RESOLUTION 2019-03 – CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to adopt RESOLUTION 2019-03 – CLOSED SESSION. Roll call vote: Commissioner Bauer – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried 5 – 0. At 7:46 pm

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to adjourn closed session. All ayes and the motion carried. At 10:53pm

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

5. Commissioner Bauer made a motion that the stipend for Volunteer Fire Chief be \$10,000 which was seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo. All ayes and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Richardson