

December 9, 2019

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING December 9, 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:

10 “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.”

15 **ROLL CALL:**

Present –John Fratinardo, Jason Ryan and Robert Schoen.

Absent- Charles Bauer, Andrew Popso

AUDITORS REPORT: Audit filing deadline had been extended by DCA until July 30th, 2019.

20 SOLICITOR: Chairman Schoen announced that there are personnel items to be discussed in closed session.

CHIEF’s REPORT: Chairman Schoen announced that there are personnel items to be discussed in closed session.

BATTALION CHIEF /ADMINISTRATOR: Chairman Schoen announced that there are personnel items to be discussed in closed session.

25 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Personnel- Battalion Chief Richardson Reported items are for closed session.

Insurance- Chairman Schoen announced that there are two worker’s compensation claims.

Purchases: Chairman Schoen announced that the list is in the packet.

Fire Company liaison: No report

30 **Radio:** Chief Taylor reported that the recent system outage was caused by the power back up system and it will be remedied when the transition to the new system goes live.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

1. None

COMMUNICATIONS:

35 **1.** None

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to pay all the bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasure’s report.

40 A motion was made Commissioner Ryan and Seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to accept the treasure’s report. The motion carried unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

45 - Discussion of resolution 2019-34 which intends to contract with Emergency Equipment Sales & Service, LLC to purchase a 2021 Ford E-450 Type III ambulance utilizing the Huston Galveston Area Collective bargaining agreement. Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to open the meeting to the public which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan. The motion carried unanimously. There was no public comment on the resolution. Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to close the public comment on resolution 2019-34 which commissioner Ryan Seconded.
50 The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt resolution 2019-34 which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

ROLL CALL:

Bauer Absent Fratinardo Yes Popso Absent Ryan Y Schoen Y(3-0-2)

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Schoen stated that new business will be continued after closed session.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. None

60 **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

Chief Steven Taylor reported that all the crews that worked on the structure fire last Monday into Tuesday worked well together. They were faced with heavy fire conditions upon arrival with a known victim trapped inside, made entry inside extremely quick, and located the already deceased victim. Work was then conducted for the next several hours by multiple departs, which included the Florence Police Department and he further referenced how the unified command worked. Corp. Cardone worked efficiently with Fire Command in transmitting information in the being of the operation, which made operations easier.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-35 for Closed Session to discuss personnel and contracts which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Bauer A Fratinardo Yes Popso A Ryan Y Schoen Y (3-0-2)

7:06pm closed session started

8:36pm Closed session ended.

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to come out of closed session which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUEED:

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to appoint Robert Reillo as EMS Captain which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Bauer A Fratinardo Yes Popso A Ryan Y Schoen Y (3-0-2)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to appoint Brian Schwartz as EMS lieutenant which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Bauer A Fratinardo Yes Popso A Ryan Y Schoen Y (3-0-2)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to appoint Michael Tomaszewski as EMS lieutenant which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Bauer A Fratinardo Yes Popso A Ryan Y Schoen Y (3-0-2)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to appoint Basilio DeJesus Jr. as EMS lieutenant which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Bauer A Fratinardo Y Popso A Ryan N Schoen Y (2-1-2)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to appoint Sean A. Moran as Firefighter/EMT and to begin employment with the Florence Township Fire Department which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Bauer A Fratinardo Y Popso A Ryan N Schoen Y (3-0-2)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt the 2020 Fire District Budget which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Bauer A Fratinardo Y Popso A Ryan N Schoen Y (3-0-2)

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Richardson