

March 11, 2019

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 11, 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 **Results of the 2019 Election:** Reported by Battalion Chief Richardson. John Fratinardo received 195 votes. 3 write ins were received Robert Deld 1, Albert A. Jacoby 3, Hhenry Burmeister 1 and one vote for personal choice was made at the machine. Yes for the 2019 fire district budget 114 / no 133 the budget was defeated by 19 votes.

20 The oath of office was taken by newly reelected Commissioner John Fratinardo.

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

25 Reorganization:

Nominations for Chairman

Commissioner Fratinardo nominated Commissioner Robert Schoen for Chairman and Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion.

Nominations for Vice Chairman

30 Commissioner Fratinardo nominated Commissioner Charles Bauer for Vice Chairman and Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion.

Nominations for Treasure

Commissioner Schoen nominated Commissioner John Fratinardo for Treasure and Commissioner Ryan seconded the motion.

35 Nominations for Secretary / Clerk

Commissioner Fratinardo nominated Commissioner Jason Ryan for Secretary / Clerk and Commissioner Schoen seconded the motion.

Battalion Chief Richardson read of the official positions of the 2019 Board f Fire Commissioners.

40 Chairman Robert Schoen, Vice Chairman Charles Bauer, Secretary Jason Rayn, Treasurer John Fratinardo, and Commissioner Andrew Popso.

AUDITORS REPORT: No report

45 SOLICITOR: No report

CHIEF’s REPORT: Sent via email

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION/ADMINISTRATOR: sent via email

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel- Battalion Chief Richardson report items for closed session

50 5-Year Planning- No report

Building and Grounds-Received a proposal to a PV array however it is not in our best interest so it is not recommended to pursue the current proposal. Will look into public service.

Radio: Nothing new

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

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COMMUNICATIONS: No report

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

OLD BUSINESS:

-Chairman Schoen reported we have migrated to paychex for payroll administration effective 2/15/19 payroll.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-6 appointing a Solicitor for the Florence Township Fire District No. 1 which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

70 Roll Call: Commissioners’ Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioners Bauer and Popso were absent (3-0-2)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-7 appointing an Auditor for the Florence Township Fire District No. 1 which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

75 Roll Call: Commissioners’ Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioners Bauer and Popso were absent (3-0-2)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-8 designating the newspapers in which all public notices for the Florence Township Fire District No. 1 will be transmitted which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

80 Roll Call: Commissioners’ Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioners Bauer and Popso were absent (3-0-2)

Commissioner Charles Bauer arrived at this time.

85 Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-9 setting the dates and places where the regular and workshop meetings for the Florence Township Fire District No. 1 shall be held which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Roll Call: Commissioners' Bauer, Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioner Popso absent (4-0-1)

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Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10 appointing official depositories of funds for the Florence Township Fire District No. 1 which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Roll Call: Commissioners' Bauer, Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioner

95 Popso absent (4-0-1)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-11 permitting the execution by the Board of Fire Commissioners in the Township of Florence of a contract with Florence Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 situated within the boundaries of said Fire District for the purposes

100 of providing fire protection which was seconded by Commissioner Bauer.

Roll Call: Commissioners' Bauer, Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioner Popso absent (4-0-1)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-12 appointing District Physicians

105 for the Florence Township Fire District No. 1 which was seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Roll Call: Commissioners' Bauer, Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioner Popso absent (4-0-1)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-13 appointing a Financial

110 Advisor for the Florence Township Fire District No. 1 which was seconded by Commissioner Bauer.

Roll Call: Commissioners' Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioners Bauer and Popso were absent (4-0-1)

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to approve pension payments of \$22,081.00 for the Public

115 employees Retirement System and \$120,694.00 for the Police and Firemen's Retirement System which was seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All ayes and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Schoen advised that on Wednesday March 13th 2019 the Florence Township Council will be having a budget hearing on the rejected 2019 Fire District Budget. This budget failed during the

120 annual Fire District elections on February 16th 2019. We have meet in subcommittee with the Township and have reached a tentative agreement which drops out tax rate from .168 to .164 per \$100 of assessed value. However, they will be offering Municipal assistance which will keep the overall budget intact.

125 Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to approve the monthly \$1000 payment to the Fire Company while Contract negotiations are in progress which was seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All ayes and the motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

No report

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MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

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:

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-14 for Closed Session to discuss personnel and contracts which was seconded by Commissioner Bauer. Commissioners' Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioners Bauer and Popso were absent (4-0-1)
7:31pm closed session started

9:25 Closed session ended.

Commissioner Bauer made a motion to come out of closed session which was seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo. Commissioners' Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioners Bauer and Popso were absent (4-0-1)

New Business continued

Commissioner Ryan made a motion create an additional position of Fire Lieutenant which was seconded by Commissioner Bauer. Commissioners' Fratinardo, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioners Bauer and Popso were absent (4-0-1)

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Richardson