

April 8, 2019

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 8, 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** –John Fratinardo, Andrew Popso, Jason Ryan and Robert Schoen.  
**Absent-** Charles Bauer

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve the minutes of the February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> regular meetings as well as the February 25<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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- AUDITORS REPORT: No report
- SOLICITOR: No report
- CHIEF’S REPORT: Sent via email
- BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION/ADMINISTRATOR: sent via email

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- COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- Personnel- Commissioner Fratinardo reported that the interviews were conducted for lieutenants this past week.
  - 5-Year Planning- No report
  - Fire Company liaison: No report

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- Building and Grounds-No report
- Radio: Chief Taylor reported progress

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

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A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to approve the applications of Justin Steere, Scott Wood, and Michael Pierce and that they proceed in their usual course.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** No report

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

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1. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to pay all the bills. The motion carried unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Popso and Seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to pay the BB&T bill. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasure's report.

45 A motion was made Commissioner Popso and Seconded by Commissioner Ryan to accept the treasure's report. The motion carried unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS:**

-Amended 2019 Fire District budget sent to Division of local Government Services.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-15 creating the second career lieutenant position which was seconded by Commissioner Popso.

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

2. Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-16 to discuss the appointment of the second career lieutenant which was seconded by Commissioner Popso. Chairman Schoen excused himself from the closed session.

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

Closed session started 7:04pm

Closed session ended 7:35pm

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

3. Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to appoint Adam Schoen as the provisional Lieutenant pending test which was seconded Commissioner Popso.

70 Roll Call: Commissioners' Fratinardo, Popso and Ryan all voted Aye, Commissioners Bauer was absent, and Commissioner Schoen Abstained (3-0-2)

4. FF/EMT Schoen gave a presentation on repairs to the parking lot lights. FF/EMT Schoen advised that there are 15 parking lot lights outside and if replaced with LED lights they  
75 would consume about 1/3 the energy each. He further advised they would cost about \$600 each and have a 27 year life span. He further explained the increases time and cost associated with the lights as they have become an increased maintenance concern. He further advised that they would fit on the current poles and would broadcast about 400 watt equivalent using 150 watts of energy. A projected cost of the project would be \$8400 dollars.

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5. A motion was made commissioner Popso to approve \$1300 to purchase water bottles for all of the EMTs for EMS week which was seconded by commissioner Fratinardo. The motion carried unanimously.

85 6. A motion was made by Commissioner Ryan to approve \$1000 for ARC GIS Desktop basic from May 16, 2019 to May 15, 2020 which was seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo. The motion carried unanimously.

**GOOD OF THE BOARD:**

No report

**95 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.

No comment

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-17 for Closed Session to discuss personnel and contracts which was seconded by Commissioner Popso. Commissioners' Fratinardo, Popso, Ryan and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioners Bauer was absent (4-0-1)

7:43pm closed session started

8:44pm Closed session ended.

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

New Business continued

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to pay the Fire Company their monthly stipend as we continue to negotiate the contract which was seconded by Commissioner Popso. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo to hire Max VanDoren, Ashley Bauter, Ryan Hafner, and Harry Zielinski to position to per-diem EMT pending physical and normal course which was seconded by Commissioner Popso. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Richardson