

August 12, 2019

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING August 12, 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** – Charles Bauer, John Fratinardo, and Robert Schoen.

**Absent-** Andrew Popso, Jason Ryan

**AUDITORS REPORT:** Audit is pending.

**SOLICITOR:** No report.

20 **CHIEF’S REPORT:** Send via email tomorrow.

**BATTALION CHIEF /ADMINISTRATOR:** Sent via email.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Personnel:** None.

**Insurance:** We have one Worker’s Comp claim.

25 **Purchases:** List is in the packet.

**Fire Company liaison:** No report

**Radio:** Chief Taylor reported the county is moving forward.

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

30 **PRESENTATION OF BILLS:**

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

**Treasure’s report.**

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

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

-None.

40 **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Popso to adopt resolution 2019-24 extending the contract with Farnsworth & Semtimphelter, L.L.C.

Roll Call:

Bauer- Aye, Fratinardo- Aye, Popso- Absent, Ryan- Absent, Schoen- Aye

45 **GOOD OF THE BOARD:**

1. None.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

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

50 A.Jacoby- "Albert H Jacoby, professional volunteer firefighter. 55 year member of the Fire Department- what's the status of the second rig calls? I knew they were doing a survey on it. Anybody have anything on that?"

55 Commissioner- "I can answer that sir. Still under review under edit still. I'm comparing all of the all of the numbers, not just second rig, the total department response."

60 A.Jacoby- "I mean, I look at the, the, duty schedule and sometimes or just, just for this month, there's 12 times on a day shift and there's 5 qualified firefighters on the shift and other times there's, at the same month, for the same month, just going by the calendar that Steve puts out. There's 10 instances, days, that there's four on a shift. So don't you think we're missing something? Even the revenue from the calls that we missed to go out of town. There's four firefighters here, 10 days. There's five here, 12 days. Why aren't those guys taking second recalls? I think where you're going to be liable for a lawsuit somewhere down the road, where somebody finds out that ambulance had to come from out of town to do EMS work."

65 Commissioner- "OK, we're going to look into that, board will look into that."

70 A.Jacoby- "OK. The other thing I was going to say, but the other two Commissioners aren't here, so I won't even go into that. And the other thing is that I know that sometimes we have two lieutenants on at the same time. Why is that?"

Commissioner- "That's something that has to be worked out the upon the negotiations are ongoing."

A.Jacoby- "OK. So it's a contract or is it a union?"

75 Commissioner- "Weel it's a contract that has to be sent to the union. We're working on that in our current contract negotiations."

A.Jacoby- "OK. That's all I have at this time."

80 Commissioner- "Anybody else?"

Hearing none, 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 Bauer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-25 for Closed Session to discuss personnel and contracts which was seconded by Commissioner Schoen. Commissioners' Bauer, 90 Fratinardo, and Schoen all voted Aye.

7:07pm closed session started.

8:39pm Closed session ended.

Commissioner Fratinardo made a motion to come out of closed session which was seconded by 95 Commissioner Schoen. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Richardson