

February 10, 2020

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING February 10, 2020

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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, Andrew Popso and Robert Schoen.
Absent- John Fratinardo and Jason Ryan

The chiefs report was sent via email.

The Battalion Chief /Administrator’s report was sent via e-mail

AUDITORS REPORT: No report

20 SOLICITOR: No report

CHIEF’s REPORT: Sent via email

BATTALION CHIEF /ADMINISTRATOR: sent via email

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 25 • **Insurance:** Chairman Schoen reported Battalion Chief attended the re-origination meeting for the First responder JIF on January 21st, 2020.
- **Purchases:** Chairman Schoen Reported list is in the packet.
- **Policy:** Chairman Schoen introduced Policy 750 for the first reading - POL750- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYERS.
- Radio-Chief Taylor reported no new information on the County Radio project

30 **Fire Company liaison:** No report

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Chairman Schoen reported we received a letter from the County Sheriff Diane L. Jassmann thanking our department for its support of the 24th Annual Holiday Toy Drive.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

Treasure’s report.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- 45 • Chairman Scheon reported the 2020 fire district election will be February 15th 2020 from 2-9pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 50 1. A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer to approve the contractual payment of \$50,546.90 for Rescue Engine 4011 which was seconded by Commissioner Popso. The motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Bauer asked how we made out from the recent storm. Battalion Chief Richardson report that multiple makeup air intakes were ripped off the building; which were reattached. Contractors will be brought in to make permanent repairs when the weather improves. Lawn furniture was also blown about the property and damaged as well.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

-Michael Denelsbeck / - Stated he had a few questions, first was a questions about the purchases for the month. Chairman Schoen stated that vouchers are available and Mr. Denelsbeck said he doesn't need to see the vouchers but an itemized list of where the money is being allocated to. Battalion Chief Richardson said we could simply print out bills list and Commissioner Bauer asked where he would suggest the list be located either online on at the meeting. Mr. Denelsbeck stated either was fine. He concluded the first question with it would be easier to track money and hoe it was spent in the budget throughout the year. Second he asked how many active volunteers we have in the department and Chief Taylor reported a dozen. He then asked how many Career members we have and Battalion Chief Richardson reported 9. Mr. Denelsbeck then asked how many perdiem EMTs we have in the Department and both Chief Taylor reported it is a rolling number which remains plus or minus 30. Mr. Denelsbeck stated he appreciates the time and he has no more questions.

Joseph Conrey / 43 Lucas Ct.: Stated the was looking at the website and had a question about the agendas and if they are published before the meeting. He stated that the website was not consistent and Battalion Chief Richardson responded that the he will work with our IT department to ensure they are up prior to the meeting. Mr. Conrey stated thank you.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked if the Fire District was going the post anything about the candidates running for the office of Fire Commissioner? Chairman Schoen advised him that the Fire District does not and has not posted information about candidates running for the office of Commissioner.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioner Bauer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-6 for Closed Session to discuss personnel and contracts which was seconded by Commissioner Popso. Commissioners' Bauer, Popso and Schoen all voted Aye and Commissioner Fratinardo and Ryan were absent (4-0-2)

No action will be taken after closed session.

7:10pm closed session started

8:32pm Closed session ended.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Popso to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Richardson