

August 22, 2022

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING AUGUST 22, 2022

Meeting ID: 862 1001 8206

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Board Chairman Robert Schoen called the workshop 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:

“This meeting is being held in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting has been placed on the department’s website, Facebook account, the Township calendar and the Township website. Furthermore, it has been published in the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times.”

ROLL CALL: Present – J. Fratinardo, J. Ryan, R. Schoen, and S. Taylor

Absent – A. Popso

Meeting Minutes:

Approve minutes of the previous meeting, August 8th, 2022, regular meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, 8th, 2022, regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to pay all bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1. Applicant Bianca Cheverez submitted for Background
2. EMS Division applicant J. D. Taylor submitted for Background
3. New Applicant FD Matthew Phillips
4. New Applicant Auxiliary Christine Belonis

FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Robert Tharp

1. We had a virtual teams meeting with DCA and spoke about the budget and the election. They have advised us through the District Attorney General that we cannot apply for the November 2023 election. We have to go through 2023 and then start the process all over again for the November 2024 election. We must follow their guidelines and you cannot have two elections within the same year.
2. We are in the homestretch for the Aladtec training. All the modules have been installed and we are developing a plan to start using it. We are hoping to use them side by side and go

fully live by January 1, 2023. This is because of the accruals of time that is owed to the career staff and to get everybody up and running, and what schedules we are going to have.

3. We received an updated proposal on the generator cost and the project. We reviewed the proposal, and we are looking at approximately \$36,000.00 worth of parts, and everything else will be in 2023. We will be able to use our generator and direct cables that will come in and that will put our building on power.
4. The training prop was delivered. It is on the apparatus floor behind 4011. We will start the training on that.
5. 4011 is having a pump issue; 4012 is having an electrical issue. They are here now trying to solve those problems.
6. He attended the Township Staff Meeting. The third quarter tax bill did go out a little late. They discussed some other things going on in the township and it is a great opportunity for us to be involved with that liaison between the Municipal Government and the District.
7. We received information that there are going to be some changes coming from Division of Fire Safety and the Law Enforcement communities are partnering up because everybody is paying attention to the legislating that is going on for hardening of the schools. And some of them conflict with the Fire Code. They are trying to work those things out and we are going to see a lot of things with School Hardening and things that go along with the Fire Code.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Closed Session from 8/8/22 contract language reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-37 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2022-36 AS ORDERED BY NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES** regarding the November 2023 election.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-37 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2022-36 AS ORDERED BY NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Absent;

Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. None.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Hearing none,

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

CLOSED SESSION:

1. RESOLUTION 2022-38 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-38 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM MEETING** to discuss personnel and contracts. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Absent; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. Motion carried 4-0-0

7:08pm Closed session began.

8:40pm Closed session ended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to come out of closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Taylor