

December 12, 2022

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2022

Meeting ID: 898 5963 8697

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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:

“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 – John Fratinardo (virtual), Andrew Popso (virtual), Jason Ryan, Robert Schoen, and Steven Taylor

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Administrator Robert Tharp, Jr., Battalion Chief Arnold. Miller, EMS Division Chief Chris Parks, Firefighters T. Estelow, D. Motta, S. Moran, W. Blackwell

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meeting November 28, 2022, workshop meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting November 28, 2022, workshop meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryan and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the treasurer’s report. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Popso to pay all the bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1. Applicant for EMS Division Taylor Miliano interview scheduled 12/15/22.
2. Applicant for Fire Division Ziya Nuri Oflu background phase.

FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Robert Tharp

1. Since the last meeting there have been 52 fire assignments year to date, we are currently at 808 assignments
2. We have had 119 EMS assignments since the last meeting year to date we have had 2145 EMS assignments.

3. Recently the on-duty crew responded to Bordentown Township Fire District 2 mutual aid for a structure fire, Chief Miller arrived and was the initial incident commander
4. Tonight the 2023 budget is on the agenda to be introduced and adopted, this is the first step needed this the first step required by NJ Department of Community Affairs Local Government Services Unit to meet the submittal deadline of December 20th.
5. All Florence Township Firefighters enrolled in the Firefighter 2 program have passed their state exam, the district was one of the largest groups in the class.
6. On January 3rd, 203 the notice of election and petitions for commissioner will be posted for the February 18th, 2023, election.
7. The district has received reimbursement from the Township for the Personal Protective Equipment, the remaining balance from that allotment the township will be used to offset the cost of the Holmatro Hydraulic Rescue Pump unit.
8. The compressor has been repaired by Continental Fire and Safety replaced an oil sensor on the unit. The unit is currently in service.
9. Administrator Tharp has done recalculation of the demographics of the fire district following National Fire Protection Association's 1720 Standard guidelines using 2020 census data we are classified as a urban community with more than 1,000 residents per square mile.
10. Administrator Tharp attended the Township staff meeting. The Township Council will have their reorganization meeting on January 4th, 2023
11. The agenda tonight has the JIF insurance premium renewal is presented tonight for approval the cost in 2022 was \$ 124,128 the cost for 2023 will be \$134,551.
12. The Fire Department's mandatory live fire training two weeks ago on a Wendsday drill night went very well and was well attended.
13. The fire department has participated in the township's tree lighting on December 2nd, Roebing's tree lighting on December 10th, Operation Santa is scheduled for December 17th and a Chanukah celebration parade scheduled for December 19th
14. Administrator Tharp introduced to the board of commissioners the new EMS Division Chief Chris Parks.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Closed Session from November 28th personnel contract obligations discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve \$ 4,498.80 to purchase of 8-Motorola Minitor 6 pagers with charger and Minitor 6 programmer.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve \$ 4,498.80 to purchase of 8-Motorola Minitor 6 pagers with charger and Minitor 6 programmer.
3. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried 5-0-0.

6. Adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-61 INTRODUCING THE PROPOSED 2023 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**. A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-6 INTRODUCING THE PROPOSED 2023 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET** Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried 5-0-0.

7. Adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-62 SETTING DATES AND PLACES WHERE THE REGULAR AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS FOR THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2023 WILL BE HELD**.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-62 SETTING DATES AND PLACES WHERE THE REGULAR AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS FOR THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2023 WILL BE HELD**.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried 5-0-0.

8. Adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-63 APPROVING THE 2023 RENEWAL FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER JOINT INSURANCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 134,551**. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-63 APPROVING THE 2023 RENEWAL FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER JOINT INSURANCE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 134,551**.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried 5-0-0.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. Received a thank you from Frances Tondi 213 East 8th Street, complimenting crews for their courteous and kind treatment of her at several responses.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Hearing none,

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

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-64 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM MEETING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-64 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM MEETING** to discuss Personnel and Contracts. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Note: Action may be taken after closed session.

7:09 pm Closed session began.

7:43 pm Closed session ended.

2. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Ryan 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. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Tharp
Fire District Administrator