

February 14, 2022

FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Meeting ID: 864 0652 2843

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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 – Charles Bauer, John Fratinardo, Andrew Popso, Jason Ryan, and Robert Schoen.

Absent – None

Also in attendance: Chief Rzomp, Battalion Chief Richardson, and Battalion Chief Miller.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meetings, January 10, 2022 regular meeting and January 24, 2022 Workshop meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve the minutes of the previous meetings January 10, 2022 regular meeting and January 24, 2022 Workshop meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

TREASURER REPORT:

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

1. None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve \$7,000 to replace 5 desktop computers and add one laptop computer
A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to

approve Seven-thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) for the replacement of 5 desktop computers and the addition of one laptop computer. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve contracting with Aladtec for Department scheduling and administration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve contracting with Aladtec for Department scheduling and administration. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve Policy 1100 Emergency Medical Services Standard Operating Procedures

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve Policy 1100 Emergency Medical Services Standard Operating Procedures. Roll call vote: Commissioner Bauer – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. Ms. Marter publically recognized and thanked our Emergency Response Team and the Police on the Facebook Florence Community page “for the tremendous job they did on Saturday night helping my Dad and my family.”
2. Commissioner Bauer commented that the fire personnel did a good job at the fire on Pigot Court.
3. Commissioner Popso questioned if the duty crews could attend the meetings. They could be helpful with some of the open communications.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

5 **Commissioner Schoen:** “We are open to the public.”

Chief William Rzomp: “I was just wondering if the ah, I know the Board several months ago hired a consultant for the ah, I guess the study of the department. And was there a, I guess, a report, a literal report, and will it be published?”

Commissioner Schoen: “There was no formal report that was published.”

10 **Chief Rzomp:** “Alright.”

Commissioner Schoen: “Everything was done verbally, you know over the phone and here.

Chief Rzomp: “Okay.”

Commissioner Schoen: “So there was no report published.

Chief Rzomp: “Okay, very good.”

15 **Commissioner Bauer:** “I’m sorry. What was that about now?”

Chief Rzomp: “It was regarding the study that Ex-Chief Kensler came in and did. I was just wondering if there was a report published or not. And I’m asking because I haven’t seen anything personally. That’s all. And I was just curious to see what you got.”

Commissioner Schoen: “Anything else?”

20 **FM Richardson:** “Mr. Conrey has unmuted himself. So Mr. Conrey, do you have any questions?”

Mr. Joe Conrey: “I just wanted to double check, is the election on the nineteenth?”

FM Richardson: “The election has been moved to the November general election. We will put a reminder on our website Mr. Conrey.”

25 **Mr. Conrey:** “Okay. Very good, thank you.”

FM Richardson: “There are no other questions from the public.”

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

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-05 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM MEETING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer, and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-05 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM MEETING** to discuss Personnel and Contracts. Roll call: Commissioner Bauer – Yes; Commissioner Fratinardo – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Note: Action most likely will be taken after closed session.

7:09pm Closed session began.

7:43pm Closed session ended.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Taylor