

March 14, 2022

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

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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 – Vacant, John Fratinardo, Andrew Popso, Jason Ryan, and Robert Schoen.
Absent – None

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Schoen thanked the five applicants that applied for the late Charlie Bauer’s commissioner’s seat.

A motion was made by Commissioner Popso and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to appoint Steven Taylor as Fire Commissioner to fill an unexpired term until the position is filled by the next general election. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Schoen then swore Mr. Taylor into office.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the previous meetings, February 14, 2022 regular meeting and February 28, 2022 Workshop meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Popso to approve the minutes of the previous meetings February 14, 2022 regular meeting and February 28, 2022 Workshop meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

TREASURER REPORT:

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

- 1. None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Second Reading to Adopt Resolution **2022-06 RESOLUTION OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS OF FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR PRESCRIBING THE POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SAID POSITION.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Popso and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to adopt Resolution **2022-06 RESOLUTION OF THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS OF FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR PRESCRIBING THE POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF SAID POSITION.**

Public Comment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinaro and seconded by Commissioner Popso to open the meeting to the public for discussion on the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

5 **Commissioner Schoen:** “The meeting is open to the public.”

Mr. Scott Arnold: “Scott Arnold, ### Bennett Street. What is the salary range for this position?”

Commissioner Schoen: “Do you have it written down?”

10 **FM Richardson:** “Sir, yes sir. Compensation for the established positions shall be no less than \$80,000 or no greater than \$120,000 per year, upon hire and shall be negotiated by contract within the time frame stipulated therein depending on the candidate’s qualification. Said compensation level shall be set by the Board of Fire Commissioners.”

Mr. Arnold: “Okay.”

Commissioner Schoen: “Anyone else?”

15 **Mr. Joe Conrey:** “Yes, Joe Conry, ## Lucas Court. I just have a quick question as to if this was a new full-time position or a re-classification of an existing full-time employee.”

Commissioner Schoen: “This is a new full-time position.”

Mr. Conrey: “Okay, thank you.”

20 **Commissioner Schoen:** “If we have nothing else, I need a motion to close the meeting to the public.”

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

Roll call vote for the second reading of Resolution 2022-06: Commissioner Fratinaro – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Abstain. The motion carried 4-0-1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Approve the Accidental Insurance Policy with Edgewood Partners Ins. Center, Policy No. PRCO93091NJ10073, for a 3-year period.

A motion was made by Commissioner Popso and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Accidental Insurance Policy with Edgewood Partners Ins. Center, Policy No. PRCO93091NJ10073, for a 3-year period. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinaro – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve a 1 year contract with EMSAR for the semi-annual service of the stretchers, fastening system, and stair chairs in Ambulances 4081 & 4082.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Fratinaro to approve a 1 year contract with EMSAR for the semi-annual service of the stretchers, fastening system, and stair chairs in Ambulances 4081 & 4082. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinaro – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approve a 1 year contract with ESI for the service of the Holmatro rescue equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinaro and seconded by Commissioner Popso to approve a 1 year contract with ESI for the service of the Holmatro rescue equipment. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinaro – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve **RESOLUTION 2022-8 RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS FOR THE FLORENCE TWP. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinaro and seconded by Commissioner Popso to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-8 RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS FOR THE FLORENCE TWP. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinaro – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve **RESOLUTION 2022-9 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NEWSPAPERS IN WHICH ALL PUBLIC NOTICES FOR THE FLORENCE TWP. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 WILL BE TRANSMITTED.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Fratinaro to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-9 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE NEWSPAPERS IN WHICH ALL PUBLIC NOTICES FOR THE FLORENCE TWP. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 WILL BE TRANSMITTED.** Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinaro – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve **RESOLUTION 2022-10 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DISTRICT PHYSICIANS FOR THE FLORENCE TWP. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinaro and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-10 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DISTRICT PHYSICIANS FOR THE FLORENCE TWP. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**. Roll call vote: Commissioner Fratinaro – Yes; Commissioner Popso – Yes; Commissioner Ryan – Yes; Commissioner Schoen – Yes; Commissioner Taylor – Yes. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Approve **RESOLUTION 2022-11 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DISTRICT FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE FLORENCE TWP. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

A motion was made by Commissioner Popso and seconded by Commissioner Fratinardo to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-11 RESOLUTION APPOINTING DISTRICT FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE FLORENCE TWP. FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.**

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

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. None.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Hearing none,

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

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM MEETING**

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-12 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 unanimously.

Note: Action may be taken after closed session.

7:16pm Closed session began.

8:23pm Closed session ended.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Fratinardo and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Taylor