

Public Meeting

April 5, 2017 @ 7:00 pm
Deptford Township Fire Administration Building

Minutes

A. Opening by Chairman:

The regular monthly public meeting of the Deptford Township Fire District #1 Board of Fire Commissioners will be called to order at the Fire Administration Office, 1370 Delsea Drive, at 7:00pm. Adequate notice of this regular meeting has been provided by posting the notice in the entrance of the Fire Administration Building on April 3, 2017 and published it the following newspaper designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners on Sunday April 2, 2017: South Jersey Times.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Invocation

Please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer remembering those firefighters who are sick, and those who have deceased.

D. [7:04:13 PM](#) Roll call of Commissioners/Officials in Attendance

a. Chairman Michael White, Treasurer Raymond MacKay, Secretary Joseph Nilsen, Commissioners George Frank and Robert Sheairs. Also in attendance Solicitor Peter Frattarelli and Administrative Clerk Donna Scally.

E. [7:04:38 PM](#) Approval of Minutes. Motion to accept minutes as written by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.

F. [7:04:41 PM](#) Public Portion (Agenda-related)

This Public Portion is open to the Public for any comments or questions on specific items listed on the Agenda only. Motion to open public portion (agenda related) by Chairman White, 2nd by Raymond MacKay.

Motion to close by Chairman White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen.

Chief Thomas presented awards for dwelling fire. Firefighter Anthony Steigerwald, Patrolman Matthew D'Aalton, Patrolman Matthew Massing and Sergeant Rudy Ruiz. Life saving accommodations were given to these individuals. Room turned over to family members, Don Freeman and David Freeman, who personally thanked these recipients. Chairman White commented that this is a good sign of working together through the years.

G. [7:12:01 PM](#) Resolutions:

Appointment of District Safety Officer (2017-25). Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay. 5-0

William Beckett sworn in by Chairman White

H. [7:14:37 PM](#) Chairman's Agenda Items:

- a. Congratulate guys again for job well done

I. Commissioner's Agenda Items:

J. Solicitor's Agenda Items:

K. [7:15:13 PM](#) Reports:

1. Fire Marshal Report – read by Chairman White
2. Research and Develop Committee Report – no meeting in March per Chairman White.
3. Training Report – read by Chairman White
 - 3/2: Monthly EMS training. Pediatrics, 5 members in attendance
 - 3/9: Live burn – day time. Camden County, 17 members in attendance
 - 3/13: Monthly training division meeting, 5 member in attendance
 - 3/20: Walk thru drill of Launch Trampoline Park, 17 members in attendance
 - 3/23: Drill: Stabilization, winch, chain, struts, clevis, etc., 18 members in attendance
 - 3/30: Meeting, Deptford HS mock prom scenario crash
4. Safety Report – given by Bill Beckett

- All equipment in for exposure kits and the towel program district wide
- Passed out a draft of the Safety Officer SOG standard. He continued to explain how this works with all other aspects of fire dept. He welcomed Commissioner Nilsen to the committee. Asked Board to review
- Pricing received for accountability boards
- Explained direction of Safety

Commissioner Frank questioned how many safety officers do we have that meet these requirements? 3 meet qualifications out of 5. If commissioners feel that qualifications are too extreme, open to discussion. Solicitor Frattarelli questioned if they just went off of procedure 1209-08? Bill stated yes.

5. Battalion Chief's Report – given by Battalion Chief Thomas

- 926 will be back tomorrow
- 946 scheduled for May 1st
- Other maintenance on going

L. [7:24:22 PM](#) Treasurer's Report. Given by Raymond MacKay. Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Robert Sheairs.

M. [7:25:02 PM](#) Resolution for Approval of Bills and Vouchers:

For payment ratification, including those items purchased under state Contract and identified as such and all trust and other accounts. (2017-24). Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen.

Commissioner Frank questioned insurance premium payment of approximately \$120,000 in one month. Administrative Clerk Donna Scally explained it was for three months that we never received the invoices for.

N. [7:29:18 PM](#) Public Portion:

This Public Portion is open to the Public for any general comments or questions on all matters related to the Fire District. Motion to open by Chairman White, seconded by George Frank.

- Jim Reed, 9-2, questioned bill for PSEG for Westgrove Industrial Park? The bill was actually for 2 months, also included FAB. During that time, there was also an issue with the heat there – would not shut off. This bill was catch-up.
- Rick Thomas, 9-2, thanked Board for allowing the officers and Tacoma for coming into work session and allowing them to present information on the aerial device they would like to purchase. Will SOG on Safety be given to BC's also from Safety before any changes are approved? It was stated that it was only a draft. Believes that since it is operational, battalion chiefs should be involved.
- Kymm Conner, 9-4, regarding recruiting events happening on May 5 all going well. Questioned D. Scally if address was received for insurance certificate. Per D. Scally – information was forwarded to insurance company for certificate. Received inflatable balls, trying to do a dry run on the 28th to make sure everything is in place.

Motion to close by Chairman White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen.

O. New Business

P. [7:32:17 PM](#) Resolution for Commissioners to Convene in Executive Session.

Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.

Q. Executive Session (Commissioners)

R. Return to Public Session

S. Adjourn Meeting @ 8:45pm