

7:01:07 PM Township of Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners

Public Meeting

May 2, 2018 @ 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 30, 2018 and published it the following newspaper designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners on Sunday April 29, 2018: 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. 7:02:02 PM Roll call of Commissioners/Officials in Attendance

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. Approval of Minutes. Motion to accept minutes as written by Chairman White, seconded by Joe Nilsen.

F. 7:02:27 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, seconded by George Frank.

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

G. [7:02:57 PM](#) Resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contracts for One (1) Mid-Mount Tower Fire Vehicle (2018-30). Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Robert Sheairs.
- b. Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus Property (Ford Truck) (2018-31). Motion to table by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.
- c. Resolution Authorizing Sale/Disposal of Surplus Property (Ford Astro Van) (2018-32). Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.

H. [7:08:21 PM](#) Chairman's Agenda Items:

- a. LOSAP: 2017 list released today, 30 days for appeal

I. Commissioner's Agenda Items:

J. Solicitor's Agenda Items:

K. [7:08:44 PM](#) Reports:

1. Fire Marshal Report – read by Chairman White
2. Battalion Chief's Report – given by BC Thomas
 - Paint warranty issues are as follows:
 - 931, at shop
 - 921, awaiting approval
3. Safety Report – given by Bill Beckett
 - Last meeting on 4/25 at Tacoma FC
 - Reviewed ICS 214 forms for fires at Iszard Ave and Woodbury Lake – various safety issues took place and in process of making corrections
 - 214 forms passed on to BC's and R. Burkhardt
 - Audits going good at stations, getting gear issues corrected and will be helping Mr. Nilsen with gear inspections at Almonesson due to his injury

4. Research and Develop Committee Report – given by Joe Nilsen
 - Next meeting is 5/13
 - Training meeting will be 5/8

L. [7:11:43 PM](#) **Treasurer’s Report. Read** by Raymond MacKay. Motion to accept by Chairman White, seconded by George Frank.

M. [7:12:17 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. (2018-29). Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen.

N. [7:14:31 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 public portion by Chairman White, seconded by Robert Sheairs.

- Bill Beckett – OV Fire Company wants to thank board for placing Canteen on county wide operations. So far has had several calls that Canteen has been on. Working effectively.
- Mary Lamana – resident for 65 years on Iszard. 300 feet from Iszard fire, 1/16 of a mile from Community fire house. Was going to give more history for 10 minutes, just so everyone could feel how long it took for help response to that fire. Instead she has put an OPRA request in for information. Asked what is progress with the request. Solicitor Peter Frattarelli stated that we will be taking advantage of the one week extension due to the amount of information requested. Ms. Lamana asked if any personnel were reprimanded from that incident? Chairman White stated that that was not information that can be discussed especially since an investigation is still under way. If and when it can be released, it would be released then.

- Rick Thomas – On April 22, DFD responded to 2000 Shetland Way. 6 rescues, 2 out balcony, 4 out window. Will be putting DFD members, Deptford PD and Westville PD in for a unit citation. Fire was quickly contained, but so much smoke. Mary Lamana asked Chief Thomas if 2 people were in the stairwell and if they were told to return to apartments, that is what is being said. Chief Thomas stated that the two in the stairwell were police officers. Chief Thomas stated that never happened nor it ever would. No firefighter would ever tell someone to return to their apartment under these conditions. Chief Thomas has video footage if anyone wants to view.

Motion to close by Chairman White, seconded by George Frank.

O. New Business

P. [7:21:03 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 at 8:22pm.