7:04:33 PM Township of Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners

Public Meeting

January 3, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Deptford Township Fire Administration Building

Minutes

# 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 January 2, 2024 and as previously published it the following newspapers designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners: South Jersey Times and Courier Post.

# Pledge of Allegiance

# Invocation

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

# 7:05:32 PM Roll call of Commissioners/Officials in Attendance

# Chairman Michael White, Treasurer Raymond MacKay, Secretary George Frank, Commissioner Robert Sheairs and Commissioner Robert Hill. Also, in attendance Solicitor Peter Frattarelli and Administrative Clerk Donna Scally

# 7:05:42 PM Approval of Minutes. Motion to accept minutes as written by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay

# 7:05:53 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 George Frank

# 7:06:18 PM Resolutions:

## Resolution for Appointing Frank Battaglia as Battalion Chief (2024-02).

## Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay. Unanimous vote - yes

# 7:09:38 PM Swearing in of Battalion Chief Frank Battaglia by Fire Chief Richard Thomas

# 7:11:18 PM Second Reading of 2024 Proposed Budget (Title Only Read)

# 7:13:23 PM Public Hearing on 2024 Proposed Budget

# This Public Portion is open to the Public for any comments or objections to the 2024 Proposed Budget. Motion to open floor to the Public for any comments or objections, seconded by George Frank

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

# 7:13:45 PM Resolution to Adopt 2024 Proposed Annual Budget. Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Robert Sheairs

# 7:14:01 PM Chairman’s Agenda Items:

## Life Saving Award for Firefighter Zachary Flannery. Presented

## by Chief Richard Thomas

## A 5 minute recess was taken for pictures

# Commissioner’s Agenda Items:

# Solicitor’s Agenda Items:

# 7:21:08 PM Reports:

## 1. Fire Marshal Report – read by Chairman White

## 2. Safety Report - submitted and discussed by Robert V Hill (attached)

## 3. Training Report – submitted by Constantine Sypsomos (attached)

# 7:27:29 PM Treasurer’s Report. Given by Raymond MacKay. Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Robert Sheairs

# 7:27:45 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. (2024-01). Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by George Frank

# 7:29:31 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 George Frank

* Rick Thomas – Fire Chief – received documentation from Fallen Firefighters for Jeff Pfeiffer on May 4 and 5, 2024 . Registrations are not open to date. Hotels are probably booked up. Rick will take lead on this.

Motion to close public portion by Chairman White, seconded by Robert Sheairs

# New Business

# 7:32:22 PM Resolution for Commissioners to Convene in Executive Session. Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay

# Executive Session (Commissioners)

# Return to Public Session

# Adjourn Meeting at 9pm