DEPTFORD FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Public Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2020

(Held Via Teleconference Due to COVID-19 Crisis)

Attendees:

* Commissioners: Michael White, George Frank, Joseph Nilsen, Robert Shaeirs, Raymond McKay
* Fire District Solicitor: Peter L. Frattarelli, Esq.
* Public: Kymm Connor

Motion to go into Public Comment/Agenda-Related Only

* Motion made; motion seconded;
* Approved by 5-0 voice vote
* No public comments

Motion to close Public Comment/Agenda-Related Only

* Motion made; motion seconded
* Approved by 5-0 voice vote

Commissioners Items (from Michael White):

1. BC Rick Thomas obtained quote of additional items needed on new E-One apparatus for approx.. $14,000
   1. Includes varying types of pipe pulls – will investigate if needed
   2. No motion at this time to approve quote
2. M. White gave update on COVID-19 crisis
   1. M. White participating in regular telephone calls with Deptford Twp, as needed with updates on COVID-19
   2. Gloucester Twp and Deptford Twp have seen increases in COVID-19 cases over the past 3 days
   3. Still using duty crews and volunteers to provide coverage for Fire District on 24 hour/7 day per week basis
   4. No positive COVID-19 test results among Fire District employees
   5. On behalf of Fire District, M. White asked Ford Motor Co. for a donation of full face shields
      1. Ford Motor Co. donated 1,000 shields
      2. Subsequent to COVID-19 crisis, can use remaining shields for infectious control responses
3. New E-One vehicle arrived late last week, but not registered yet with State of NJ DMV because local DMV office is closed
4. Fire Marshall Report – received from R. Burkhardt (full copy available upon request) – highlights:
   1. Drills (YTD) – 277
   2. Inspections -70
   3. More inspections anticipated to start soon
5. Reminder from M. White to Commissioners: Financial Disclosure Form due on 6/1/20 (extended due to COVID-19 crisis)

Motion to approve bills – Resolution No. 2020-21(full copy available upon request):

* Total bills: $1,468,005.16
* Motion made; motion seconded
* Approved by 5-0 vote

Motion to go into Public Comment/General Topics

* Motion made; motion seconded;
* Approved by 5-0 voice vote
* One public comment from Kymm Connor: requested vouchers for use by duty crews; Commissioners responded that will be provided and re-do them for April and May 2020

Motion to close Public Comment/General Topics

* Motion made; motion seconded
* Approved by 5-0 voice vote

Motion to go into Executive Session

* Read by Peter L. Frattarelli, Esq. Solicitor [Full Resolution available upon request]
* Topics for executive session:
  + Advice re labor issues during pandemic
  + Update on E-One / vendor dispute negotiations
  + Legal advice concerning loss of tax revenue
  + Update on pending litigation
  + Advice on employee discipline and on civil service requirements
* FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners 🗹 **will**/ 🞎 **will not** return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session
* Motion made; motion seconded;
* Approved by 5-0 voice vote

[Executive Session held – Public attendees excused]

After return to open session (following Motion to Return to Open Session, made during Executive Session:

* No further business conducted

Motion to Adjourn Public Meeting:

* Motion made; motion seconded
* Approved by 5-0 voice vote

[Meeting Adjourned at approx. 8:10 p.m.]

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