DEPTFORD FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Public Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2020

(Held In person at Depford Fire Admin Bldg but with Teleconference / Speakerphone Due to COVID-19 Crisis)

Attendees:

* Commissioners: Michael White, George Frank, Joseph Nilsen, Robert Shaeirs, Raymond MacKay
* Fire District Solicitor: Peter L. Frattarelli, Esq.
* Public: One attendee (see signup sheet available at Deptford FAB)

Motion (verbal) to Approve Minutes of June 3, 2020 Public Meeting:

* Motion made by Comm White; motion seconded by Comm. MacKay
* Approved by 5-0 vote

Motion to go into Public Comment/Agenda-Related Only:

* Motion made by Comm White; motion seconded by Comm. Frank
* Approved by 5-0 vote
* No public comments received

Motion to close Public Comment/Agenda-Related Only:

* Motion made by Comm White; motion seconded by Comm. Shaeirs
* Approved by 5-0 vote

Commissioners Items (from Michael White):

1. LOSAP data for all members published at FAB/stations
   1. Comm. White noted that approx.. 1/3 of members who have LOSAP eligibility never complete the paperwork to receive these funds, even though they are likely to be eligible
2. Comm. White noted that he is still meeting regularly with Emergency Management and Deptford Township officials regarding COVID
   1. Latest update is that COVID progress is now going backwards

Fire Marshall Report:

* Prepared by FM R. Burkhardt; read by Comm. White
* (Full report available at FAB upon request)
* Year To Date Statistics:
  + Fires: 606
  + Drills: 52
  + UFC Inspections: 712
  + Violations: 220 (286 Paid)
  + Total Funds Received: $112,837.46
* Comm. White noted that he has asked FM R. Burkhardt to break down specific calls and reasons to see if COVID has impacted the figures

Research & Development Committee Report:

* Report given by Comm. Nilsen
* Committee met on evening of 6/29/20
* Topics discussed:
  + 4 large area search bags obtained
  + Drills on tolls coming up this month
  + Need or use of hose cart for 5-inch hose, for use in testing
* Next meeting in July on regularly-scheduled day and time

Motion to approve bills – Resolution No. 2020-23(full copy available upon request):

* Total bills: $279,648.00
* Motion made by Comm White; motion seconded by Comm. Nilsen
* Approved by 5-0 vote

Battalion Chiefs Report: no report

Treasurers Report (presented by Comm. McKay) – Account Balances:

* Checking Republic Bank: $1,792,759.76
* Payroll Republic Bank: $92,647.39
* Money Market SJ Credit Union: $1,676,153.23 (retirement portion: $933,362)
* Motion made to approve Treasurers Report (By Comm. White); Seconded by Comm. Nilsen)
* Approved by 5-0 vote

Motion to go into Public Comment/General Topics:

* Motion made by Comm White; motion seconded by Comm. shaiers
* Approved by 5-0 vote
* Two comments (from same individual):
  + (1) Good Intent Rd station sent letter regarding Vehicle 931 not being available or operational; this letter was sent despite request that letter not be sent as the letter was not an official one sent by the officers of that station
  + (2) Vehicle 938 went out for preventative maintenance and he feels that the repair company finds more problems than are required to be fixed; he was also concerned that the repairs were for relatively simple items and should not have required an overnight stay, but it was kept overnight
* Comm White responded on (2) and said he would discuss with repair company (Riehl’s)
* Comm Mackay also responded on (2) and asked if these minor repair items are being missed by firefighting crews during regular truck checks
* Comm White also noted on (2) that DFD needs to inspect Vehicle after return from repairs to make sure items were completed and checked

Motion to go into Executive Session

* Read by Peter L. Frattarelli, Esq. Solicitor [Full Resolution available upon request]
* Topics for executive session:
  + Update on E-One / vendor dispute negotiations
  + Advice on employee discipline
* 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 (Comm White); motion seconded (Comm Mackay)
* 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:

* Motion to act according to discussion and motion in Exec Session re personnel matters
* Motion made; motion seconded
* Approved by 5-0 voice vote

Motion to Adjourn Public Meeting:

* Motion made (Comm White); motion seconded (Comm Mackay)
* Approved by 5-0 voice vote

[Meeting Adjourned at approx. 8:40 p.m.]

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