**Township of Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners**

**Public Meeting**

September 2, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

(Held Via Teleconference Due to COVID-19 Crisis)

**MINUTES**

1. **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 7:00 p.m. Meeting will only be available by audio teleconference as permitted by the amendment to the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, Assembly Bill no. 3850 (2020-21) which was enacted into law on March 20, 2020. The meeting is open to the public by using the following telephone number and conference call code:

Conference Call Access Number – 855-501-8979

Access Code – 6912228 (when prompted)

Adequate notice of this regular meeting has been provided by posting the notice in the entrance of the Fire Administration Building on August 31, 2020 and published it the following newspaper designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners on Sunday August 30, 2020: South Jersey Times. Notice has also been provided by posting the notice to the website of the Deptford Fire District – <http://www.deptfordfd.org/>

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Invocation**

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

1. **Roll call of Commissioners/Officials in Attendance**

* Role Call of Commissioners: Michael White, George Frank, Joseph Nilsen, Robert Sheairs, Raymond McKay (all present)
* Meghan O’Brien as Solicitor
* Public: Leonard Steen, Rick Thomas

1. **Approval of Minutes**

* Motion made (Comm. White); Motion Seconded (Comm. Nilsen); Approved by 5-0 voice vote

1. **Public Portion (Agenda-related)**
2. **Resolutions**
3. **Chairman’s Agenda Items**
4. **Commissioner’s agenda Items:**

(From Comm. White)

1. Deptford Township Resolution Amendment now permits public entities to utilize digital signs for emergency use during national disasters.
2. Continued reminder that everyone wears masks when on call and on assignments.
3. 934 going out for repairs.
4. Board will start plans on budget.
5. **Solicitor’s Agenda Items:**
6. **Reports:**
7. **Treasurer’s Report:**

* Read by Comm. White, Motion to Adopt (Comm. White), motion seconded (Comm. McKay); Approved by 5-0 voice vote

1. **Resolution for Approval of Bills and Vouchers:**

* Read by Comm. White, Motion to Adopt by Comm. White, Second by Comm. McKay, approved by 5-0 voice vote

1. **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 go into Public Comment (Comm. White); motion seconded (Comm. McKay and Comm. Frank)
* No comments from the public

1. **New Business:**
2. **Resolution for Commissioners to Convene in Executive Session:**

* Motion to go into Executive Session
  + Read by Meghan O’Brien [Full resolution available upon request]
  + Topics for executive session
    - Advice on employee discipline and employee complaints
  + 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 McKay); Approved by 5-0 voice vote

1. **Executive Session (Commissioners):**
2. **Return to Public Session:**
3. **Adjourn Meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

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