7:03:14 PM Township of Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners

Public Meeting

September 4, 2019 @ 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 September 3, 2019 and published it the following newspaper designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners on Sunday September 1, 2019: South Jersey Times.

# Pledge of Allegiance

# Invocation

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

# 7:04:10 PM Roll call of Commissioners/Officials in Attendance

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

# 7:04:32 PM Approval of Minutes. Motion to accept minutes as written by Chairman White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen

# 7:04:44 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 Robert Sheairs

Motion to close by Chairman White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen

# Resolutions:

# 7:05:14 PM Chairman’s Agenda Items:

## Chairman White wished everyone luck at convention and to be safe. A schedule was established for wildwood.

# Commissioner’s Agenda Items:

## Robert Sheairs thanked everyone for the showing at his brother’s funeral. Family appreciated it.

# Solicitor’s Agenda Items:

# 7:06:12 PM Reports:

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

## 2. Research and Develop Committee Report – given by Joseph Nilsen

##  - Next meeting is October 7, 5pm at warehouse

## 3. Training Report – Chairman White

##  - Risk assessment audit will be underway soon

# 7:08:32 PM Treasurer’s Report read by Raymond MacKay. Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen.

# 7:09:09 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. (2019-31). Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.

# 7:10:43 PM Public Hearing pertaining to LOSAP (vesting/deceased members)

# Solicitor Frattarelli proposed the question from the meeting of August 14 where the Board passed a resolution to modify the program, so that 5 year vesting is waived if member dies. Motion to open public hearing by Chairman White, seconded by Robert Sheairs.

# Floor was opened for questions:

# Demetrios Sypsomos – asked what it meant exactly. Chairman White explained. Asked for explanation of 5-year vesting, compared to being in service or collecting LOSAP contribution. Pete explained this is only being modified when someone dies.

# Sheldon Johnson, what happens if member is injured and is unable to participate enough to earn LOSAP, but is only a few years vested? Chairman White said they would look into. Pete explained that there may be legal issues as to how it can be modified.

# Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Joe Nilsen. Motion made modify motion from 8/14 by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.

# 7:15:26 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

* Frank Ellis Sr. – LOSAP - how do you go about closing account?
* Sheldon Johnson – physicals – took 6 months to get a member in for all what was needed? Will look into from Chairman White

# Motion to close public portion by Chairman White, seconded by Joe Nilsen.

# 7:19:37 PM Resolution for Commissioners to Convene in Executive Session. Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen.

# Executive Session (Commissioners)

# Return to Public Session

# Adjourn Meeting at 8:35pm