

7:03:13 PM Township of Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners

Public Meeting

September 5, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Deptford Township Fire Administration Building

Minutes

A. 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 4, 2018 and published it the following newspaper designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners on Sunday September 2, 2018: South Jersey Times.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Invocation

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

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

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

E. 7:04:23 PM Approval of Minutes. Motion to accept minutes as written by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.

F. 7:04:34 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 Raymond MacKay.

G. Resolutions:

H. [7:05:01 PM](#) Chairman's Agenda Items:

a. Have a safe convention, remember you are representing the Fire Department

I. Commissioner's Agenda Items:

J. Solicitor's Agenda Items:

K. [7:05:31 PM](#) Reports:

1. Fire Marshal Report - read by Chairman White
2. Research and Develop Committee Report – given by Joseph Nilsen
 - Met on 20th
 - Discussed current status of drone project
 - Next meeting is September 10th
3. Safety Report – given by Bill Beckett
 - Met on 29th at Tanyard Road station
 - Dragon Flies
 - Possibility of using dragon flies for junior members with new pass devices going to more active senior members
 - Thank Alan Bender handling hose and labeling
 - Using striping for adequate reflectability
 - Gear audits
(Chairman White stated he would like that by first week of October for budget preparation). Chairman White also stated that Alan Bender is doing inventory of all equipment for Department.
 - Car fires – how to approach. Joe Nilsen also stated that all firefighters need to wear fire gear no matter how hot.
4. Battalion Chief's Report – no report

5. Training Report – given by Chairman White
 - Several classes have been scheduled - will be advertised shortly by Jeff Pfeiffer (gemtor, finalized copy for driver training and there will be a grandfather clause – not fully reviewed yet)

L. [7:12:57 PM](#) **Treasurer’s Report.** Read by Commissioner MacKay. Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen.

M. [7:13:57 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. (2018-38). Motion by Chairman White to approve, seconded by Robert Sheairs.

George Frank arrived/entered meeting.

N. [7:16:33 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

- Bill Beckett, Safety Director; questioned what is District’s policy regarding age in department when person can actively be retired. He understood that age was 70. Bob Sheairs stated that driving age is 70. If they were to ride along, they could be taking up a seat that could be used for someone active. Can a person that does not actively run be used for accountability purposes? This could be helpful. Chairman White stated that there are also senior members that do not want to go in. This topic can be visited.

Motion to close by Chairman White, seconded by Joe Nilsen.

O. New Business

a. Career engine staff for Wildwood weekend. 921 out of Tacoma. Chief Hooper questioned when it starts. Thursday at 5pm per Chairman White.

P. [7:20:03 PM](#) Resolution for Commissioners to Convene in Executive Session. Motion to adopt by Chairman White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.

Q. Executive Session (Commissioners)

R. Return to Public Session

S. Adjourn Meeting at 8:50pm