

**MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
July 17, 2017  
Fire Department Headquarters Station  
Meeting Minutes #9

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. Commissioner Cornue
2. Commissioner Hamilton
3. Commissioner Ridenour
4. Commissioner Shestack
5. Chief of Department Colucci
6. Deputy Chief Burnett
7. Solicitor Braslow

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. Commissioner Roura

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ridenour at 8:05 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #2017-40            "Approval & authorizing execution of an employment contract for Chief of Department John M. Colucci from 7/01/2017 through 7/1/2021" Commissioner Shestack made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Resolution #2017-41            "Approval & authorizing execution of an employment contract for Deputy Chief Christopher Burnett from 7/01/2017 through 7/1/2021" Commissioner Shestack made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Resolution #2017-42            "Approval & authorizing execution of an employment contract for Provisional Deputy Chief Todd Evans C. from 7/01/2017 through 7/1/2021" Commissioner Shestack made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Shestack made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 2017 that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Deputy Chief Burnett reported that Commissioner Roura had reviewed the July monthly bills prior to the meeting and found them all to be in order. Commissioner Shestack made a motion to approve the July bills totaling \$197,687.88 that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**MONTHLY REPORT BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF:**

The Deputy Chief had updated the Board on administrative work in process due to the recent transition; with BA Jones retirement. As reports are completed they will be forwarded to the Board for review and welcomed feedback. Nothing further added. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

**BOARD QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT:**

Chief of Department Colucci had submitted his monthly report to the Board for their review prior to the meeting. There were no questions or comments.

Commissioner Ridenour commended the members for their actions and professionalism that he observed at the two fires that occurred recently.

Light discussion took place on the township reviewing its master plan. Discussion followed for the need to work on the department's long range plan and the requirement of building another fire station in the Springville area of town.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Building & Grounds: Commissioner Ridenour reported the only thing left regarding the referendum are the outstanding items on the punch list. He said when we get ready to do the brick work next door he wants to make sure the brick and concrete are done uniformly so that it doesn't look like patch work, even if we have to spend extra monies on the work.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

None

**COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:**

Solicitor Braslow said he filed his brief and appendix regarding the Cherry Hill appeal on July 7. He also commented on the fire district elections bill and capital purchases asking why is it allowed to be in the budget yet he doesn't understand why you can't spend it in the first year.

**COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Shestack reported that the softball team is 4 and 4. We'll be in a Cherry Hill Fallen Firefighter Billy Walker tournament in September. Chief Colucci stated there is also a tournament up north of which Commissioner Shestack told him to get ahold of John & Dave Barlow as they are the captains of the team. Commissioner Shestack then reported on the upcoming golf tournament here in town.

It is at this time that Chief Colucci requested to dedicate this meeting in honor of Geoff Hall.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

Resolution #2017-43 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Shestack that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8.42 PM.  
A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8.42 PM.  
THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 8.59 PM.**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9.00 PM.**