

MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2018
Fire Department Headquarters Station
Meeting Minutes #2

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Cornue
2. Commissioner Ridenour
3. Commissioner Roura
4. Commissioner Shestack
5. Commissioner Hamilton
6. Chief of Department Colucci
7. Deputy Chief Burnett (Administrative)
8. Deputy Chief Evans (Operational)
9. Solicitor Braslow

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: N/A

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 #2018-08 "Memorandum of Understanding Radio Purchase Group Joint Purchase of Portable Radios" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution read by title that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Resolution #2018-09 "Authorization for the Sale of Surplus Equipment" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution read by title that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2017 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2018 that was seconded by Commissioner Courne. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Roura reported that he had reviewed the February monthly bills and found them all to be in order. He made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$215,353.28 that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

MONTHLY REPORT BY ADMINISTRATOR:

The Administrator had provided a report to the Board. He then thanked the residents for their support for the 2018 Election.

He reported that we closed out the contract with Puente Construction, who is the general contractor for the maintenance bond, and made final payment. We did receive a \$10,000 change order credit from Puente due to the mold remediation at 363. He stated he is still working on the generator portion of the maintenance bond at 362, of which we received a change order credit of \$2,500 for the second generator test that we had paid for. Reported that our architect for the project The Design Collaborative is asking for consideration for additional compensation from the District due to issues with the generator installation causing the job to be extended requiring them to expend additional time to the project. There seems to be differences of opinions in talking with the various professionals as to why the job became drawn out, however everyone was negatively affected requiring additional time and work to bring the project to an end.

He reported that the account clerk is working well.

BOARD QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT:

Chief Colucci had submitted his monthly report to the Board for their review prior to the meeting. He had nothing further to report.

Commissioner Ridenour referred to the account clerk position and questioned Chief Colucci if it was his desire to make it a full-time position. Chief Colucci replied yes, but that it should be discussed in closed session.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds: Commissioner Ridenour stated he agreed with Deputy Chief Burnett, stating we weren't going to pay any additional monies if it was installed incorrectly.

OTHER MATTERS:

None

COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:

Solicitor Braslow reported the director of DCA is still in office and may be there a while.

Chief Colucci referred to the legislation that was passed in November and asked Solicitor Braslow when the Board would have to act and pass a resolution to make this happen. Solicitor Braslow replied there will be a meeting with DCA to discuss the regulation, stating his opinion would be in October.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Cornue commented that election day was done in a professional manner, and was received by the community with a very positive note.

Commissioner Shestack stated DC Burnett did an excellent job organizing the election. We still have issues with people coming to the wrong place to vote.

Commissioner Shestack reported that Evesham is having their annual Yellow Ribbon ceremony for Vets coming home from duty and they invited the Board and executive officers.

Commissioner Roura reminded everyone that the reorganization meeting is Tuesday, March 6 starting at 8:00 not Monday the 5th, and the the regular monthly meetings will still be the third Monday of the month but the start time will be 7:00 PM instead of 8:00 PM.

Commissioner Hamilton thanked everyone for all the work that was done, commenting on the low turnout and people not knowing what district they are in.

Commissioner Ridenour thanked everybody for their support.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No one was in attendance.

Resolution #2018-10 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Roura that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

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

THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8:26 PM.

A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:26 PM.

THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 8:38 PM.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40 PM.