

MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2018
Fire Department Headquarters Station
Meeting Minutes #7

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Ridenour (arrived at 7:22 PM)

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Shestack at 7:03 PM.

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

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2018-27 It was decided to hold off on this resolution until discussed in Closed Session. "Approval & Authorizing Execution of an Employment Contract for Senior Account Clerk Jennifer Zimmer Dawson from 7/1/2018 through 6/30/2021. Following closed session Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Resolution #2018-28 "Permanent Appointment of Patrick W. Bigoss to the Position of Training Officer for the Year 2018" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Resolution #2018-29 "Permanent Appointment of William D. Constantine to the Position of Training Officer for the Year 2018" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Cornue made a motion to approve the May 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was approved by the Board with Commissioners Roura and Hamilton abstaining.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Roura reported he reviewed the May 2018 monthly bills and found them all to be in order. He then made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$163,980.85 that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DEPUTY CHIEF - ADMINISTRATION:

The Deputy Chief provided his monthly report to the Board. Received word from Bowman with a meeting scheduled on the 25th to review the 2017 audit; there were no findings.

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 stated, on behalf of Captain Einstein he wanted to convey to the Board how that the volunteers appreciated the opportunity to attend the Harrisburg Expo and training they received from it. He stated they are requesting more training similar to what they received while out there. There were no further questions or comments.

He then reported that the township is going to have a National Night Out which will be held August 7 at Laurel Acres Park. We will be attending and requested the Commissioners to attend as well.

Commissioner Shestack stated the Chairman had asked him to discuss the banquet and to have something this year such as a BBQ or something similar. He stated his suggestion was to have something on an annual basis recognizing the top responders, firefighter of the year to name a couple. It was recommended to utilize some of that money towards department hands-on training as done in the past, or bring quality instructors here. It was also recommended to have the awards during a Board meeting and then possibly meet someplace afterwards with a small buffet set up (something less expensive than a banquet). It was suggested to start up labor management and discuss some of the options.

At this time Commissioner Ridenour arrived at 7:22 PM with Chief Colucci updating him on the overall discussions held prior to his arrival.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

Commissioner Ridenour asked if there was anything further to discuss regarding the buildings. DC Burnett stated he's been meeting with contractors that are interested on the brickwork and sealing of windows at 363. He is now waiting on proposals.

OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Shestack asked how we made out with GovDeals. Chief Burnett replied most of the items sold.

Commissioner Shestack then recommended putting a new line item in the budget for an identity theft program.

COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:

Solicitor Braslow had nothing new to report.

Commissioner Roura asked Solicitor Braslow when is the deadline for notifying the State for fire districts to elect to move to the November election. Solicitor Braslow replied a resolution should be made no later than November and to reiterate the difficulty is the applicability of Title 19, stating that Title 19 applies to every other election that you have once you've switched to November. He said with your general election any cost related is picked up by the County but any other elections, you have to comply to Title 19 the district would be responsible for advertising the cost. He seems to think that the Title 19 issue is still unclear to him and will look into it and if needed work on getting it amended.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No one was in attendance.

Resolution #2018-30 "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 Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

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

**THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 7:03 PM.
A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:10 PM.
THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 8:19 PM.**

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM.