

MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2018
Fire Department Headquarters Station
Meeting Minutes #11

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Cornue
2. Commissioner Ridenour
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 Hamilton

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ridenour at 07:04 PM.

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

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Cornue.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2018-44 "Appointment of Christopher R. Van Sciver to the Position of Firefighter for the Year 2018" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:11 PM so that the family of FF Van Sciver could take pictures. The meeting resumed at 7:25 PM.

Resolution #2018-45 "Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriations NJSA 40A:4-87 (w/Matching Funds for Grants)" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Resolution #2018-46 "Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriations NJSA 40A:4-87" Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the September 17, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Roura reported he reviewed the October 2018 monthly bills and found them all to be in order. He then made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$399,482.50 that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DEPUTY CHIEF - ADMINISTRATION:

The Deputy Chief had submitted his monthly report to the Board for their review prior to the meeting; he had nothing further to add.

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 he'd like to have discussion on the November election as well as a capital vote. He also referenced the portables in that the county is going to issue the department 55 portables, 26 mobiles, and 3 base stations. These numbers will be verified by the County based on our inventory and believes it'll be a one to one swap.

Solicitor Braslow reported that if the Board switches the election to November they cannot switch back. The election will be conducted and associated costs covered by the county board of elections. He further reported that in the proposed regulations put out by DCA, if you switch to November, every other election the Board has will be subject to Title 19 at the department's expense. He then explained what is and is not involved in Title 19, with a question and answer period to follow.

Solicitor Braslow also reported on capital waivers stating two statutes affect capital; 40A-14.84, which he used when doing lease purchases. He stated DCA has alleged that they have the attorney general's opinion stating you cannot do financing through that process, and that the only way is to have a full fledged vote. He said also, if you switch to November there would be some enhanced notice requirements for capital projects that you wish to undertake with cash. He then referenced the statute and explained some of the language within it. He believes this would be per project and if you want to engage in a lease purchase, bonds, notes, you do it under 40A-14.85, but you would have to have a full fledged vote. He explained that for capital you would need to hold a special capital meeting stating the purpose, post notices in two local newspapers, at the township clerk's office and five public places within the township ten days prior to the meeting and a quorum is required.

Commissioner Roura made a motion to conduct a special capital meeting on the evening of November 7, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for the purpose of acquiring two command vehicles at a cost not exceeding \$90,000 that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

OTHER MATTERS:

None

COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:

Nothing further to report

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No one was in attendance.

Resolution #2018-47 "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 amend his previous motion to conduct a special capital meeting on the evening of November 7, 2018 to extend the hours from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM 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 Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 7:04 PM.

A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:00 PM.

THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 8:32 PM.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:36 PM.