

MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2019
Fire Department Headquarters Station
Meeting Minutes #1

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Cornue
2. Commissioner Ridenour
3. Commissioner Roura
4. Chief of Department Colucci
5. Deputy Chief Burnett (Administration)
6. Deputy Chief Evans (Operational)

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Hamilton
2. Commissioner Shestack
3. Solicitor Braslow

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ridenour at 7:06 PM.

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

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Cornue.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2019-01 "Authorized Signatories for Bank Accounts" 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 Roura made a motion to approve the November 19, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Ridenour. The motion was approved by the Board with Commissioner Cornue abstaining.

Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the December 3, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the December 17, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Ridenour. The motion was approved by the Board with Commissioner Cornue abstaining.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Roura reported that he reviewed the December 2018 and January 2019 monthly bills and found them all to be in order. He indicated that the 2018 monthly bills were high due to the year end purchases. He then made a motion to approve the December 2018 monthly bills totaling \$806,854.33 that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the January 2019 monthly bills totaling \$401,346.92 that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. 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 reported that all of our year end financial statements tie within Edmunds.

He stated the adopted budget was sent to the state and awaiting feedback in hopes of getting it approved by week's end so that it can be sent to the township.

Commissioner Roura asked if the board's reorganization meeting still happen the first Tuesday in March. Chief Colucci replied that he has yet to receive clarification, and until he hears otherwise the meeting will take place in March.

Deputy Chief Burnett reported that there is about \$115,000 leftover from the maintenance bond, therefore we will repair the showers next door and at the fire houses, take care of other issues next door, and give the meeting room and hallway fresh paint and replace the carpeting.

Discussion took place on LED lighting. The Deputy Chief stated we are thinking of replacing the lighting in the engine bay next door as the manufacture for the dome lights went out of business and parts are not accessible anymore. He referred to a NJ energy efficiency program known as New Jersey Direct and is awaiting replies from a few contractors.

Deputy Chief Burnett then reported that a few roof issues developed earlier in the month and at 363 and that Patriot Roofing came out to repair them. They did not repair the hose tower wall near the BC office, therefore we are waiting for a call back. He then reported that there were issues with 362's roof as well. Patriot was out to repair and has not heard from the guys of any recurring issues.

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; he had nothing further to add.

Commissioner Ridenour stated he attended the Burlington County Fire Chiefs Association Annual Dinner with the Chiefs and found it to be very informative and appreciated the offer to attend.

Commissioner Ridenour asked how the apparatus purchase was coming along. Chief Colucci replied he received more information from the vendor and will be sitting down with Deputy Chief Burnett & Evans and BC Santone to review. He stated this should now get us down to final pricing, once he is comfortable with the right figures he'll give the Board a full report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

OTHER MATTERS:

None

COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:

Was not in attendance.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Cornue reported that he attended the fire school graduation and was impressed on the education that the firefighters get and the turnout of young people becoming firefighters and ems students. He then thanked everyone for all they do.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No one was in attendance.

Commissioner Ridenour commented that he had the opportunity to reach out to Carol Murphy to discuss an outlying station through a shared services program. He said she had informed him that there is some state property we may be able to look into and would like the board and fire department come up with a plan for a shared service program involving an fire, EMS, and police. Commissioner Roura said this should probably be run by the township manager first. He feels we are not in a position to do this on our own. Commissioner Cornue said it is something worth talking about and that we should look into it for the future and work toward that goal.

Resolution #2019-02 Resolution by-passed - no Closed Session

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 7:38 PM.

A CLOSED SESSION - There were no items for discussion therefore, no need to go into Closed Session.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38 PM.