

MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2019

Fire Department Headquarters Station
Meeting Minutes #9

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Shestack

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Charlie Kritz, Sr.

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2019-24 "Acceptance of Audit Report for 2018" Motion made by Commissioner Roura and seconded by Commissioner Cornue to approve the resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution #2019-25 "Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Financing a Lease with an Option to Purchase Firetruck" Motion made by Commissioner Roura and seconded by Commissioner Cornue to approve the resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the July 15, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was approved. Commissioner Roura abstained.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the August bill list of \$280,847.90 seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was approved.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DEPUTY CHIEF - ADMINISTRATION:

Deputy Chief Burnett stated other than continued efforts on facility maintenance and what is included in the administrator's report there is nothing further to add.

Deputy Chief Burnett stated based on the recommendations from Bowman we are continuing to improve our budget process in utilizing Edmunds financial software.

The apparatus committee is closer to finalizing specifications and stated they would need the board's approval to start soliciting bids for financing. Solicitor Braslow briefed the board on the process of securing financial bids and filing application with the DCA for final approval. Commissioner Roura responded by making a motion to approve administration moving forward with soliciting bids for financing following the conclusion of the apparatus committee bid specifications, seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was approved.

CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Colucci thanked Deputy Chief Evans on his coordination of the funeral arrangements for Charles Kritz, Jr. The Fire Department was well represented at the service.

Chief Colucci informed the board on the status of the proposed EMS building. He presented various GIS mapping scenarios and impacts of response times throughout the township. The best scenario included the recommendation of a joint municipal emergency services building located in the area of Hainesport - Mt. Laurel and Hartford Roads which would result in providing a 97% coverage area of the municipality with a 5-minute deployment model analysis. It would also consist of housing an ambulance in fire station 363 on Elbo Lane.

The board discussed the need for collaboration of both EMS and the Fire Department resources to provide for the most effective delivery of services to the community. More information is needed to establish the response times if the new EMS building is to be completed on Route 73. Concerns were brought up about GIS modeling and the fact that it did not factor in traffic, barriers, etc. for more detailed projections.

Chief Colucci informed the board about the status of the parking lot cut through from Station 361 to MLEMS Station 369 and the need for access so as not to restrict traffic flow during Municipal Point of Distribution Operations. Chief Colucci will keep the board updated.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER MATTERS:

Solicitor Braslow informed the board that he met with the state legislator and the capital bill is in the process of being reviewed and will keep the board updated on any progress.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Ridenour commented that he attended National Night Out and was pleased with the turnout of our firefighters and thanked all who participated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

Resolution #2019-26 “Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act”. This resolution was not acted on, because there was no need to enter into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Roura and seconded by Commissioner Cornue to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 PM.