

**MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 21, 2019**

**Fire Department Headquarters Station  
Meeting Minutes #12**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. Commissioner Hamilton
2. Commissioner Ridenour
3. Commissioner Roura (Conference called in at 8:05 PM to vote on Resolution 2019-29 and arrived at 8:16 PM for the closed session portion of the meeting)
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 Cornue (Conference called in at 8:05 PM to vote on Resolution 2019-29)

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

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

Public announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

**SPECIAL (CAPITAL) MEETING:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Shestack, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton to open the Special (Capital) Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Ridenour opened the meeting with the purpose which is to secure approval for One (1) Duty Support Vehicle through the use of First District capital reserve funds, which have been previously approved for the use for capital expenses, not to exceed Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00)

There was a brief discussion by the Board regarding the proposal. Comments and questions were open to the public regarding the proposed capital purchase. There were none. A motion was made by Commissioner Shestack, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton to close the Special (Capital) Meeting. Motion was unanimously approved. The vote on Resolution 2019-29 was delayed until later in the meeting when Commissioners Cornue and Roura were able to join the meeting via a conference call.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #2019-30            "Authorizing Making Application To The Local Finance Board Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:14-85" A motion was made by Commissioner Ridenour, seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Shestack, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made to approve the October 7, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Ridenour, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was approved with Commissioner Shestack abstaining.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Commissioner Shestack made a motion to approve the October bill list in the amount of \$976,476.14, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MONTHLY REPORT BY DEPUTY CHIEF - ADMINISTRATION:**

Deputy Chief Burnett stated there was nothing further to add to his monthly report.

**CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Colucci had initiated discussion on the following items: changing Board Meeting dates so that they don't conflict with Town Council Meetings, updates on personnel, and had an ordinance fee structure question. Solicitor Braslow reviewed the ordinance language in question and commented based on the way that the section is written that a "minimum registration fee of \$25" is written in a way where the registration fee can be more than \$25, currently the registration fee is \$35. We are in the process of working with the township to update our local ordinances.

Chief Colucci further reported and provided the Board with a review of the township's master planning meeting that he had attended this past weekend. Also provided an update on the progress of the apparatus committee where the Board presented Chief Colucci with several questions. The main question centered around the build process and inspection trips.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Ridenour had questioned facility maintenance progress where a brief overview was provided.

**OTHER MATTERS:** None

**COMMENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONALS:**

Solicitor Braslow reported that he has a conference call this Wednesday with Legislator Singleton to change legislation on capital votes and see if there is any way it can be streamlined prior to the next fiscal year. Doesn't feel as though there is great interest by the legislature in fast tracking this issue, but there seems to be bipartisan support.

**COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Shestack provided the Board with an overview of the finance committees work on the 2020 Budget.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

Resolution #2019-29 "Authorizing Capital Projects Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-84". A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Shestack and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved. Note both Commissioners Cornue and Roura conference called into the meeting at 8:05 PM to vote on this resolution.

The Board took a brief recession at 8:06 PM then resumed the meeting at 8:15 PM where Commissioner Roura had arrived.

Resolution #2019-31 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Shestack and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton to enter into closed session. The motion was unanimously approved.

**OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8:16 PM.  
CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:16 PM.  
CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 8:37 PM.**

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

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39 PM.**