

**MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING / WORK SESSION**

September 8, 2015

Fire Department Headquarters Station

Meeting Minutes #12

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Shestack
2. Commissioner Roura
3. Commissioner Cornue
4. Commissioner Ridenour
5. Commissioner Hamilton (arrived @ 8:17 PM)
6. Chief of Department Colucci
7. Deputy Chief Burnett
8. Administrator Jones

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Shestack at 8:095 PM.

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

The Public Announcements were read by Commissioner Cornue.

PUBLIC HEARING ON NEW PART-TIME PAID POSITION OF TRAINING OFFICER:

Commissioner Cornue read aloud Resolution #2015-41 "Establishment of the Part-Time Paid Position of Training Officer for the Mount Laurel Fire District #1.

Administrator Jones explained that Solicitor Braslow had recommended that we follow this process in order to be in full compliance with Title 40A when we establish new paid positions. He added that this process involved passage of a resolution on 1st reading, advertising the resolution with a notification as to when a 2nd reading and public hearing would take place and then passing the resolution on 2nd reading.

Public Discussion: There were no comments from the public on the resolutions.

Considered Amendments: There were no resolution amendments offered by the public or the Board.

Board Comments: Commissioner Roura asked whether we should approve the new position as a "part-time" position if at some point in the future it may be advantageous to upgrade it to a "full-time" position. Administrator Jones replied that even though the position would do the same job, we would need to go through the whole Civil Service process all over again to fill it and that we are supposed to designate "part-time" positions to differentiate them from "full-time" positions.

Adoption of Resolution #2015-41 (2nd reading): "Establishment of the Part-Time Paid Position of Training Officer for the Mount Laurel Fire District #1 (2nd reading)" Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to adopt the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Cornue and unanimously approved by the Board.

OTHER MATTERS:

None.

COMMENTS BY FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

Resolution #2015-43

“Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act”. Commissioner Ridenour made a motion to adopt the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Roura and unanimously approved by the Board.

THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8:13 PM.

A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:14 PM.

THE CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED AT 8:59 PM.

Commissioner Shestack reported that he and Commissioner Ridenour had discussed how we can further enhance the public relations coverage of the good things that the Department, the Board and our members are doing. He would like to work with Personnel Assistant Delp and the Chief Officers to regularly send out press releases about these things to our local newspapers and maybe even the radio stations. He felt that there were a vast number of positive things that we could and should be promoting with the public throughout the year including the annual budget, training, construction, retirement of employees, etc.

Chief of Department Colucci reminded everyone that the annual Township Fall Festival will be held on 9/19 at Laurel Acres Park, the annual Fire Prevention Open House will be held on 10/7 at Wegman's in Centerton Square and that the Junior Firefighter Competition will be held on 10/3 @ the Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center.

Administrator Jones commented that he hoped to be able to get the Finance Committee together sometime within the next 2 weeks to begin reviewing the 2016 Budget Proposal. He added that at the 9/21 Regular Meeting he and Deputy Chief Burnett have invited a representative of an energy advisory services firm to present a proposal to the Board about how they can assist us in lowering our electric rates.

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 PM.