

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

March 7, 2017

Fire Department Headquarters Station

Meeting Minutes #4

IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Commissioner Roura
2. Commissioner Ridenour
3. Commissioner Shestack
4. Commissioner Hamilton
5. Chief of Department Colucci
6. Deputy Chief Burnett

NOT PRESENT:

1. Commissioner DiPietrantonio
2. Administrator Jones

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ridenour @ 8:00 PM.

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

The Public Announcements were read by Commissioner Hamilton.

SWEAR-IN OF COMMISSIONERS-ELECT ROURA & SHESTACK:

Commissioner Ridenour administered the oath of office to Commissioners-elect Roura and Shestack. Commissioner Hamilton wanted the minutes to reflect that his interpretation of Rule #5 is incorrect.

REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Commissioner Ridenour reported that the Board unanimously felt that the current slate of officers would remain the same. He would continue as Chairman, Commissioner Shestack would continue as Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Roura would continue as Treasurer, and Commissioner Hamilton would continue as Clerk. Commissioner Roura made a motion that all Board members would remain in their current positions that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Commissioner Ridenour reported that all Standing Committee Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanships would also remain the same.

COMMENTS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Ridenour asked Commissioner Hamilton if he had anything to add to the Rule #5. Commissioner Hamilton replied that he did not. There were no other comments from Commissioners.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2017-19 "Regular & Special Meeting Dates for 2017 - 2018". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Resolution #2017-20 "Adoption of Cash Management Plan". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Commissioner Roura added that this resolution is a formality and pursuant to a recommendation in the last audit has to be done every year. Commissioner Shestack noted that the date on the attached Cash Management Plan needed to be changed from 2016 to 2017.

OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Ridenour stated the Board received a letter of resignation from Commissioner DiPietrantonio, which has been accepted with regrets by the Board. Commissioner Roura made a motion to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year with former Commissioner John Cornue, which was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. Commissioner Ridenour administered the oath of office to Commissioner Cornue.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Union President Moyer reported that Union Vice-President Scott Callahan is attending the annual IAFF Convention in Washington, DC. He then reported on legislation introduced by Senator Sweeney regarding the PFRS pension system and stated that the IAFF is opposed to this legislation. He along with Chief of Department Colucci and Battalion Chief Evans will be meeting with NJ Assemblyman Troy Singleton on 4/9/17 to review the legislation. He added that he has met with Fellowship Fire Company President John Barlow) and that the career and volunteer membership have formed a united front on matters that involve the Fire District. Along with Chief of Department Colucci. they plan to begin meeting with Township Council, community organizations and homeowner associations throughout the year to establish new relationships and educate them on the Fire Department. He welcomed Commissioner Cornue back to the Board.

Commissioner Ridenour noted that there were 2 residents in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Chief of Department Colucci reminded everyone that the annual banquet is this Friday, March 10th and the dress code is business casual. He updated that Board on the Masonville Fire Company status, reporting that he had made contact with Bowman & Company to request an audit proposal from them. He was still waiting for the Fire Company to produce their minutes, financial records, and statements. He has also contacted the mechanic that did the work on the antique ladder truck and it sounds like the Fire Company is going to pay him what they can and a 3rd party will pick up the balance.

He reported that he will be attending the Emergency Management Institute from 3/14 through 3/23 and that Deputy Chief Burnett would be in charge during his absence. He stated that he would like to start the next process of promotions once the current certification list closes out in the next week or so. He will identify the Lieutenant, Captain and Battalion Chief he will be recommending so that the promotions can be in place for 7/1/17 when Administrator Jones retires. He reported there the multi-agency Mass Casualty Incident drill take place on 5/6/17 and all are welcome to come and observe. It will be begin at 8:00 AM on Marter Avenue near Bishops Gate Drive and include participation by police, fire, EMS, the Board of Education and the Office of Emergency Management.

He then showed the Commissioners the badge that he wears to New Jersey Career Chiefs Association meetings and felt that they should consider wearing something similar to Board meetings along with along with a polo shirt.

Resolution #2017-21 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Commissioner Shestack. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

**THE OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED AT 8:40 PM.
A CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:45 PM.
THE CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED AT 8:54 PM.**

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

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:55 PM.