

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

A regular meeting of the Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Plains Firehouse. Chairman Blank made the required public statement. "Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the adoption of a schedule of regular meetings and notice thereof being posted in the Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River; being filed with the Municipal Clerk and being transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with statute."

Roll call was taken; Present: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Blank.

Minutes of the previous meeting – A motion was offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Heroy that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and accepted as written providing that the minutes shall be made available for inspection by any member of the public during the meeting.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.
Abstain: Mr. Silva, Mr. Geoghegan.

Received check #9352 dated February 4, 2017 in the amount of \$600 from Silverton Vol. Fire Company for reimbursement of insurance for January 2017.

Received check #000139 dated February 8, 2017 in the amount of \$10,623.24 from Toms River Fire Commissioners for Fire Prevention Bureau revenue for January 2017.

Received check #8727 dated February 9, 2017 in the amount of \$1,300 from Pleasant Plains Fire Dept. for reimbursement of insurance for January and February 2017.

Bills were presented by Treasurer Heroy and were approved to be paid on a motion offered by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Britton (each commissioner abstains to his voucher, if any).

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Pamm Britton	130.00	Lou Lotto	130.00
Helen Browne	130.00	John Reilly	130.00
Janet Burmeister	130.00	Ellen Sinnott	130.00
Nancy Dunham	130.00	Toms Fire District #1	65,610.67
		Mary Warren	130.00
Total \$66,650.67			

Correspondence – All commissioners have been copied.

Apparatus – Commissioner Britton reported that the cylinders were removed from 3065 and are out for repair. He reported that the brush truck is fixed. Commissioner Silva reported that the Township is getting two new trailers for the Tech Rescue Team, but he does not know who is going to get them. Commissioner Blank asked if we are in favor of accepting the trailer. Commissioner Silva said he is not in favor of receiving the trailer. Commissioner Blank suggested that we find out if we can use the grant money for something else.

Insurance – Commissioner Britton reported that we had one injury at the fire, and some equipment was damaged. Commissioner Blank reported that the damaged equipment is at the substation, and Commissioner Silva will provide a list to the Board office of what is there.

Fire Prevention Bureau – Commissioner Blank reported that he and Commissioner Geoghegan had a meeting today regarding penalties and fees from vendors for the Fire Prevention Bureau. He reported that it was agreed that they would only pursue the original fee and costs incurred but not the penalties.

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A motion was offered by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Silva to pursue just the fees and costs incurred and to abate the penalties.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Fire Academy – Commissioner Heroy reported Firefighter I & II has about a month or so left; the Level II class just started on February 1st; it should be done by the end of April.

Purchasing – Purchasing Agent Gargano reported that all equipment has been purchased.

Silverton report – Commissioner Silva reported that the fuel pumps need to be looked at and serviced and the air line disconnect from Blue Line. A motion was offered by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Geoghegan to approve Silverton's request for equipment as stated above.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Business Administrator's Report – Business Administrator Gargano reported that a commissioner is needed to pick up the registry lists and provisional ballots on Friday morning and bring them to the Board office. Commissioner Britton said that he will take care of that. Business Administrator Gargano reported that Commissioners Geoghegan and Blank are to pick up the registry lists, provisional ballots, election books, opening statement for opening the polls, and vouchers and checks for the tellers and challengers at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday to bring to the firehouses. She reported that the mail-in ballot count can be obtained by calling the telephone number on the inside cover of the election books. She reported that a commissioner is needed to return the provisional ballots and voting machine keys to the election board office after the election that night; they will be waiting; Commissioner Blank said he will take care of that. Business Administrator Gargano reported that all election tellers and challengers responded that they will work, and they were asked to be at the firehouses by 1:30 p.m.. She reported that Commissioners Geoghegan and Blank will get dinner for the tellers, challengers, and themselves. She advised that the opening statement can be used as a sample ballot and asked them to tape it to a table if any voter needs to review it before entering the voting booth. Business Administrator Gargano reported that if anyone has any questions, she will be available by phone. She reported that she handed out the Election signs to each fire company; please post them in your door/window so voters know where to go to vote. Business Administrator Gargano reported that she needs a list of the equipment that was damaged at the fire the other day so that we can file a claim.

New Business:

Proposal from Rosenbauer for Silverton's 2000 GPM Pumper Engine Truck to be purchased through HGAC – Commissioner Blank stated that the Board will review the proposal submitted from Rosenbauer.

Resolution for the Disposition of Surplus Property for Two (2) 2006 Honda Outboard Motors being donated to Ocean County Vo-Tech School was introduced by Mr. Geoghegan, seconded by Mr. Heroy (attached).

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Request from WithumSmith+Brown to increase audit fee by \$1,000 and to increase the budget preparation fee by \$300 due to the lengthy process in the budget format by DCA and additional time spent on the audit disclosures required by GASB 68 re: pensions and other benefits – A motion was offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Heroy to approve the requested increase from WithumSmith+Brown. Commissioner Geoghegan suggested the Board go out for an RFP to get competitive prices. Commissioner Blank said that will be a consideration for next year.

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Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Blank.
Nay: Geoghegan.

Renewal of CD at Manasquan Bank maturing on February 22, 2017 in the amount of \$86,981.15 was approved on a motion offered by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Heroy.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Approval of Overtime for Office Staff to work late Friday night to cross off absentee voter names from the registry lists was approved on a motion offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Heroy.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Approval for QPA to attend classes for required CEUs as follows: Licensed Professionals @ \$65, Your Digital Shield at \$89, and Avoiding Wage and Hour Pitfalls @ \$80 were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Geoghegan.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Bill for Special Meeting for Approval of Capital Projects – Commissioner Blank reported that he spoke to Attorney Braslow regarding the requirement of holding a special meeting for seven (7) hours for approval of capital project vs. a special meeting for three (3) hours. He stated that the bill allows for four titles to be added to buildings that the Fire Districts would be permitted to fund: Fire Academy, Administration Building, Maintenance Building, and Dispatch Building.

2017 Election – Commissioner Blank reported that the election is this Saturday, February 18, 2017 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m..

Meeting Schedule – Commissioner Blank reminded everyone that the meeting locations will change next month to Silverton Firehouse.

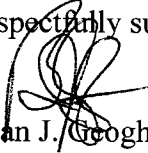
Career Firefighters – Commissioner Blank reported that he already discussed this issue with all of the fire commissioners, and it stems from percentage and the ability to answer alarms. He said he believes it is time to establish a committee to review putting a per diem crew on Fire District #2 for fire response during the day Monday through Friday, weekends off. He stated that this is not meant to replace the volunteers, but it is to enhance them. This would help the volunteers' percentage-wise; it would reduce the amount of calls that they would be responsible for. He said the volunteers would still go out on the extrication and structural calls. He proposes that a couple of commissioners (himself and one other person), a representative from each of the fire companies be on the committee, and to bring this issue back to the officers for discussion. Commissioner Geoghegan reported that he would like to be on that committee. Commissioner Blank stated that he would like the fire companies to get back to the Board on this.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Mr. Geoghegan, seconded by Mr. Heroy.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,


Brian J. Geoghegan
Clerk

THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN

Resolution

Disposition of Surplus Property

February 15, 2017

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean are the owners of two (2) 2006 Honda Outboard Motors VIN BAPJ-1200242, and VIN BANJ-1200579 which have been determined by the Commissioners as personal property not needed any longer for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that said personal property shall be donated to Ocean County Vocational Technical School;

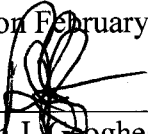
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, as follows:

(1) The two (2) 2006 Honda Outboard Motors VIN BAPJ-1200242 and VIN BANJ-1200579 as above referenced shall be conveyed in an "as is" condition to Ocean County Vocational Technical School for a sum of \$1.

(2) All appropriate documentation necessary to facilitate this transfer shall be executed by the appropriate Commissioners.

CERTIFICATION

I, Brian J. Geoghegan, Clerk of The Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a meeting held on February 15, 2017.



Brian J. Geoghegan, Clerk