

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

A regular meeting of the Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Silverton 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 (via telephone), Mr. Duff, Mr. Blank
Absent: Mr. Silva, Mr. Geoghegan.

Minutes of the previous meeting – A motion was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Britton 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. Duff, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Received check #009991631 dated April 25, 2017 in the amount of \$525.64 from Selective Insurance Company of New England for insurance claim of February 14, 2017 for loss of 1 ½" hose.

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

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Advanced Auto Parts	48.97	New Jersey Fire Equipment	239.80
Aish Fire Protection	53.20	Ocean County Clerk	1,455.72
Asbury Park Press	230.75	Ozane	158.00
Benecard	1,375.90	Ryan Parente	360.00
Berkshire Hathaway	495.00	Pleasant Plains Fire Dept.	3,992.00
Blue Line Emergency Lighting	596.16	Suez Water	100.56
Richard M. Braslow, Esq.	578.50	Silverton Vol. Fire Company	4,825.00
Clean Air	180.00	The Stress Center	120.00
Comcast	252.32	The Weeks Lerman Group	28.25
Continental Fire & Safety, Inc.	2,719.99	United Healthcare	13.18
Dynamic Testing	220.00	Verizon Wireless	584.17
EISCO	182.85	Airpower International	967.82
ERS Fleet Repair Service	1,432.40	Robert J. Blank, Jr.	14.97
George Kline Sales	2,689.92	New Jersey Natural Gas	118.75
GoForms	600.00	Paychex	135.32
Hartford	218.38	Riggins	1,479.15
Home Depot	96.14	Christopher Silva	200.00
IAFC	209.00	Tasc Fire Apparatus, Inc.	142.88
JCP&L	395.36	Toms River Fitness	140.00
Meridian Occupational Health	395.00	Verizon	31.77

Total \$28,077.18

Correspondence – All commissioners have been copied.

Communications – Commissioner Blank reported that he is trying to schedule a meeting regarding the Agreement with the Police Department for supervisory service of the dispatchers, but he has had no response.

Apparatus – Chief Parente reported that 3059 is leaking fuel.

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Fire Prevention Bureau – Commissioner Blank reported that he was contacted by Lake Ridge Representative Debbie Clement on getting information for their community newspaper; he put her in contact with the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Fire Academy – Commissioner Blank reported that graduation is May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for Firefighter I & II.

Purchasing – Purchasing Agent Gargano reported the following:

- A letter went out to Rosenbauer asking for incomplete paperwork. Once received, the contract will be sent to them for execution.
- Firefighting Tools & Equipment Bid is going out tonight and will be received June 2, 2017.
- Laptop in 2917 needs repair. PPFDP President Doyle stated that he will find out who fixes the police department's laptops.
- There was a request for CO meter replacement parts from Silverton; need detail for purchase order. Chief Sinnott stated that he will get the information.
- Pleasant Plains' 6 Whelen Scene Lights are on order with First Priority on State Bid.

Substation – Commissioner Blank reported that we have the specification for the gas generator when the time comes to put that out to bid.

Pleasant Plains report – A motion was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Britton to approve Pleasant Plains' request for equipment as follows:

- 3 Scott Bottle Hydros from Oxygen Supply
- 2 Scott Pak Repairs
- 1 Fuel Leak near engine on 3059

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Silverton report – A motion was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Britton to approve Silverton's request for equipment as follows:

- 1 TIC Charger Repair on 2911 from ERS
- 1 Rear Light Out on 2911 to be fixed by ERS
- 1 P/M Service for 2900 and 2910 at Silver Bay Car Wash
- 1 P/M Service for 2901, 2911, 2905, 2917, 2904, 2914 by ERS
- 1 Rear Strobes Out on 2914 to be fixed by ERS
- 1 Hour Sending Unit for 2916 by West Marine

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Business Administrator's Report – Business Administrator Gargano reported the following:

- Equipment Dropped Off at Substation – Need someone to identify equipment so we can prepare description to sell on govdeals.com
- Boat Motors – Were the boat motors turned over to Ocean County Vo-Tech School? 2nd Lieut. Matt Yezzi responded that they were.

New Business:

Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Purchase of Firefighting Tools and Equipment was introduced by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Britton (attached).

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

NFPA Physicals – A motion was offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Duff to award the contract with Meridian Occupational Health for the NFPA physicals (attached).

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Blank.

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Nay: None.

Limitation on Number of Active Members for the Fire Companies – Commissioner Blank reported that it costs approximately \$6,100 to bring in a new member and approximately \$2,700 to maintain a member on the roster each year. Chief Sinnott said that their by-laws will not permit him to eliminate members until November. Chief Parente said he does not have that restriction in his fire company, and he has told his members about their percentages. He stated that he will comply with any rule that the Board comes up with.

A motion was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Britton to limit the number of active members to 63 for each fire company for firefighters and fire police combined.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Conference Expense – Commissioner Blank reported that the conference expense reimbursement of \$100 per day is for meals, ground transportation, and gratuities. Attorney Braslow suggested getting receipts for these expenses. Commissioner Britton said that receipts for expenses to be reimbursed is capped out at \$2,000 per conference.


Committee to Explore Consolidation of Fire Districts – Attorney Braslow reported that Don Huber is no longer with DCA. Regarding the legislation, he reported that the governor's office is receptive to the bill; it will be in the Senate committee this month; it will then be voted on in the Assembly and the Senate, and then go to the Governor's desk. He reported that he will go to a meeting with the Division of Elections next week. He reported that regarding the consolidation, they had a meeting; Don Huber was in attendance; they spoke about firematic policies, LOSAP, but he asked if there is a basic agreement to the concept; there have been very few consolidations in the fire service. The concept of consolidation can work in one of two ways: you could either dissolve the existing districts and have a brand new election, or you can have an existing district continue; that Board continues to sit, and the other one would be dissolved and merged into the other district. He reported that, generally, they consolidate to become more efficient; within one year of consolidation, those fire districts that consolidated found that their costs went up. He reported that Jackson is having trouble maintaining cost efficiency. He stated that one of the arguments is that when you take that entire mass of operation and push it into one district, you may have some initial cost savings, but then, you have additional administrative employees amongst other costs that are inherent to the enhanced operation which takes up the costs that you thought you were saving. LUARC concluded that consolidation is not a cost savings measure. Attorney Braslow stated that consolidation is not necessarily more efficient; in Toms River, a lot of things are done jointly already. Attorney Braslow stated that if the fire districts merge, there is no guarantee that any of the Fire District #2 commissioners will sit on the new Board. He said that there is not a distinction on the tax rate; if you consolidate, there will be only five seats on the Board; any existing debt goes with that district and will be paid by District #2 taxpayers and District #1 taxpayers. Attorney Braslow asked if there is an advantage to consolidating, and based on the manner in which you are already operating – is there a reason to consolidate.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Britton.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph Duff
Acting Clerk

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

**Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Purchase
of Firefighting Tools and Equipment**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean have approved the specifications for and have determined that they will advertise for sealed bids for the purchase of firefighting tools and equipment.

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) Specifications are hereby approved and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Bids to be submitted shall fully comply with the specifications.
- (3) The Commissioners shall advertise for the receipt of sealed bids for the above-named purpose or project.
- (4) Each bid shall be submitted as a written proposal in the manner designated in the specifications and shall be signed by the bidder, the bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder on the outside, specifically denoting on said envelope the name of the job for which said bid is submitted and addressed to Brian J. Geoghegan, Clerk of the Commissioners of Toms River Fire District No. 2, 257 Warner Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08755.
- (5) Specifications and form of bid may be inspected or obtained upon proper notice by prospective bidders during normal business hours at the Commissioners' office, 257 Warner Street, Toms River, New Jersey.
- (6) Sealed bids shall be called for and shall be received, opened, and read in

public at Silverton Firehouse, 15 Kettle Creek Road, Toms River, New Jersey on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time.

- (7) Each sealed bid shall be either hand delivered to Brian J. Geoghegan or such other designated representative of the Commissioners who will be present at the opening of said bids at the time and place stated for the receipt of sealed bids or said bids may be mailed to Brian J. Geoghegan, Clerk of the Commissioners of Toms River Fire District No. 2, 257 Warner Street, Toms River, New Jersey prior to the date and time for acceptance of said bids, it being understood that the bidder who submit his bid through the mail accepts full responsibility for said bid being received in compliance with the date and time requirements as set forth herein. **NO BID SHALL BE DELIVERED OR ACCEPTED AFTER THE DATE OR HOUR AS DESIGNATED IN THIS PUBLIC NOTICE.**
- (8) The bid quote shall be net to the Commissioners and shall be excluded from any state or federal taxes.
- (9) Each and every deviation from the specifications shall be clearly listed by the bidder. Failure to comply with the requirements shall be grounds for rejection of the bid.
- (10) The contract will be awarded to the lowest qualified, responsible bidder. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids. The Commissioners also reserve the right to waive any insubstantial irregularities in any bid. The Commissioners further reserve the right to

award individual contracts for each specific bid item as reflected in the proposal or to award one complete contract for all items.

- (11) A non-collusion affidavit in the usual form will be supplied with the specifications. It shall be executed by the person or corporate officers submitting the bid. Said affidavit must be properly notarized. A non-collusion affidavit must accompany each bid. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL NOT BE WAIVED.
- (12) An owner's list in accordance with P. L. 1977, Ch. 33, approved March 8, 1977 will also be supplied with the specifications in the usual form. It shall be completed by the person or corporate officers submitting the bid. Said owner's list must accompany each bid. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL NOT BE WAIVED.
- (13) Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Ch. 127 (N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq.).
- (14) No bidder may withdraw his proposal for a period of 60 days after the opening of bids; all proposals being binding upon bidders for said 60 day period.

CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph Duff, Acting 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 at a regular meeting of the Commissioners held on May 3, 2017.



Joseph Duff, Clerk



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Toms River Township Fire Commissioners District No. 2

Fee Schedule

April 1, 2017

Physical Examination (Includes Health History, Vital Signs, Vision Screening including Snellen, Visual Fields, Ishihara Color Testing, and Respiratory Questionnaire Review and Clearance)	\$60.00
EKG with Interpretation	\$50.00
Spirometry	\$45.00
Audiogram	\$25.00
Urinalysis	\$20.00
Complete Blood Count	\$35.00
Comprehensive Metabolic Panel	\$30.00
Lipid Panel	\$30.00
10 Panel Drug Screen with MRO	\$50.00
Chest X-Ray 2 View (non B-Read)	\$70.00
Chest X-Ray 2 View (B-Read)	\$100.00
DOT Examination Form Completion (For Firefighter who requests completion of a DOT Exam and MEC in addition to either full NFPA or Respirator only Physical)	\$25.00