

Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2
Minutes
Wednesday, February 6, 2019

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, 40 Clayton Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey. Chairman Geoghegan 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. Duff, Mr. Bierbaum, Mr. Geoghegan.
Absent: Mr. Silva.

Minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum 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. Bierbaum, Mr. Geoghegan.
Nay: None.

Minutes of the February 1, 2019 special meeting were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum 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. Duff, Mr. Bierbaum, Mr. Geoghegan.
Nay: None.
Abstain: Mr. Britton.

Bills were presented for payment by Treasurer Duff, including two previously approved payments to Rosenbauer Minnesota in the amount of \$213,408.00 for final payment on a Rescue Pumper Engine and \$197,216.25 for final payment on a Fire Pumper Engine, which are being reaffirmed, and approved to be paid on a motion offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum. Each Commissioner abstains to his voucher, if any.

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

Rosenbauer Minnesota	213,408.00	New Jersey Dept. of Health	100.00
Rosenbauer Minnesota	197,216.25	Pac Industries	311.00
Asbury Park Press	72.44	Paychex	125.05
Benecard Services	606.55	Pleasant Plains Fire Dept.	4,066.51
Blair's Rental	93.48	Rackspace	655.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	2,258.51	John Reilly	130.00
Richard M. Braslow, Esq.	306.00	Retro Fitness	125.00
Helen Browne	130.00	Suez Water	18,375.91
Janet Burmeister	130.00	Silverton Vol. Fire Company	4,825.00
CE Union	190.00	Tasc Fire Apparatus	291.08
Comcast	300.34	The Stress Center	185.00
Continental Fire & Safety Inc.	5,445.00	Toms River Fire Dist. No. 1	2,160.21
Cooper Power Systems	165.00	Toms River Fitness	405.00
Nancy Dunham	130.00	Toms River MUA	610.82
Elite Club	90.00	Mary Warren	130.00
Emergency Services Marketing	810.00	Aish Fire Protection	126.00
ERS Fleet Repair	7,833.31	Continental Fire & Safety	3,650.00
George Kline Sales	17,688.47	Dynamic Testing Service	220.00
Grainger	36.80	ERS Fleet Repair	1,429.05
The Hartford	436.76	Federal Express	33.04
H.E.R. Entities LLC	2,000.00	Flowers By Addalia	75.00
Home Depot	828.88	Kepwel Natural Spring Water	21.85
JCP&L	396.01	Moore Medical LLC	1,111.68
Knox Company	636.00	Motorola Solutions	66,978.08
KS Fitness	30.00	New Jersey Fire Equipment	1,113.40

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Lakehurst Lawnmower	30.65	New Jersey Natural Gas	122.52
Louis Lotto	130.00	Postmaster Toms River	30.00
Renee McCann	130.00	Premier Supplies	211.98
MES Pennsylvania	160.00	Riggins Inc.	1,707.79
New Jersey Fire Equipment	36.93	Ellen Sinnott	130.00
The Stress Center	120.00	Verizon Wireless	532.16
		Verizon	36.60

Total \$561,870.11

Correspondence – Correspondence has been provided to all Commissioners.

Communications/IT – Commissioner Britton reported he attended interviews for part-time dispatchers and recommends hiring four (4) or five (5) part-time dispatchers, not two (2) as discussed at the last Joint Board meeting; the only additional cost is at the beginning for training.

A motion was offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum to recommend the Toms River Joint Board of Fire Commissioners hire five (5) part-time dispatchers.

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

Insurance – Mr. Britton reported a new worker's compensation claim was opened.

Fire Prevention Bureau – Mr. Bierbaum stated there is a liaisons meeting tomorrow, February 7, 2019.

First Aid – Pleasant Plains First Aid Squad 1st Lieutenant David Shields asked the Board if the Squad would be able to use its yearly allotment to purchase two (2) new Toughbook laptops. Mr. Geoghegan responded their yearly allotment is most likely not enough, but the Squad can use their budgeted allotment towards the purchase once the 2019 Budget is approved.

Substation – Mr. Britton reported he received two quotes from Priced Rite Towing, Inc.; one for snow-plowing the Pleasant Plains Firehouse parking lot and one for snow-plowing the Pleasant Plains Substation parking lot; he was not asked to include Silverton Volunteer Fire Company's parking lot. Mr. Geoghegan reported Silverton Volunteer Fire Company is not interested in a snow-plowing quote for this winter.

Fire Officers' Association – Mr. Bierbaum reported he sent out an email back in August 2018 to all officers in regards to scheduling work sessions for points of concern and/or issues; he recently spoke with Pleasant Plains Chief Roman and Silverton Chief Sinnott and the consensus was to set up a meeting with all the officers of Pleasant Plains Fire Department and Silverton Volunteer Fire Company starting after the second District No. 2 meeting on February 20, 2019.

Silverton report – Chief Sinnott thanked the Board for their assistance in purchasing Silverton's new apparatus, they are working on getting the two new trucks into service. Chief Sinnott reported three of his firefighters were asked to complete Declination of Treatment forms by the Board for a fire on January 1, 2019 and he disagrees with the form; the three firefighters didn't decline treatment, they were seen on scene by EMS and not offered any further treatment; therefore they did not decline treatment. Mr. Bierbaum said it is a non-issue because the three firefighters didn't refuse treatment; all Commissioners agreed the Declination of Treatment forms do not need to be completed. Chief Sinnott reported Allcomm Technologies is having problems programming the SL300 portables and he is waiting on a call back from them; also, he was not made aware of a Police Department computer system upgrade which included outages and was planned at least a month ago. Mr. Bierbaum stated this is a concern. Mr. Geoghegan stated the issue will be brought up at the next Joint Board meeting.

Pleasant Plains report – Chief Roman reported a 30" halligan was damaged during training at the Fire Academy and will need to be replaced, 3010's airbag light is on and there is a strange noise coming from the engine; and he has a TFT nozzle for repair. Chief Roman asked that the nozzle repair be estimated to see if it is worth repairing. Mr. Bierbaum asked if 3041's Selective Catalyst Reduction (SCR) component emissions recall had been done yet. Pleasant Plains

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Engineer Tom McCann reported 3041 needs to go to Campbell Supply, he will be making arrangement for 3041 to go in the next couple of weeks.

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

- 1 PB-30 Halligan – Probar 30"
- 1 Repair for 3010's airbag light and engine noise
- 10 Minitor VI batteries
- 1 Nozzle repair

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

Unfinished Business:

Emergency Reporting – Mr. Bierbaum reported he spoke with Tammy Davicsin, Toms River District No. 1's IT tech, and she has sent out log-in information to all Pleasant Plains and Silverton officers, along with the Commissioners, and the Board office staff. Mr. Bierbaum stated there are other components to the system that should be able to be utilized and he will check with District No. 1 as to why we don't have access to all the tabs in the program. Chief Sinnott stated since we are sharing the program 50/50 with District No. 1, they should not be the only administrator to the program.

New Business:

Vehicle Policy – Mr. Bierbaum stated he would like to modify D2 SAP 11-1, item #7: "The district owned vehicle may be used to transport the Chiefs/Asst. Chiefs to and from their place of work provided such place of work is within the ten (10) mile radius of the fire district and the Chief/Asst. Chief is able to respond to an emergency fire call." Mr. Bierbaum suggested modifying the distance from ten (10) miles to twenty (20) miles. Mr. Geoghegan reported the Board intentionally reduced the amount to ten (10) miles a few years ago and he is not in favor of changing it.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Britton that D2 SAP 11-1, item #7, be changed and increase the allowable mileage for Chiefs/Asst. Chiefs vehicles, to and from work, from ten (10) miles to twenty (20) miles.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Bierbaum.
 Nay: Mr. Geoghegan.

Use of YMCA by active members – Mr. Bierbaum reported he spoke to the Membership-Marketing Director at the Toms River YMCA in regards to active members of Fire District No. 2 using the YMCA facility; he reported the cost would be a District yearly fee of \$828 for all active Fire District No. 2 members to use the facility. Members will get unlimited visits to the YMCA, use of the YMCA pool, participation in offered classes, and the use of personal trainers.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Britton to include the YMCA, Whitty Road, Toms River, to the list of fitness facilities available to active District No. 2 members, for a District yearly fee of \$828.

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

Tri-Band Radios – Silverton Chief Sinnott reported the APX8000 Tri-band radios are in and need to be programmed; Allcomm Technologies can't program them and John Genovese, District No. 1 Radio Tech has expressed he is not in favor of the Tri-band radios and that they are too complicated to be used. Chief Sinnott stated he spoke with Pleasant Plains Chief Roman about programming options which include reaching out to Wireless Communications, also, there's a retired police department tech who is up on the

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programming and seems to be interested in a Per Diem position with Fire District No. 2 for radio programming. Chief Roman added that he spoke with the gentlemen, Chris Licata, today, and the APX8000 portables need to go out to the County first for their programming, then once they are back from County, Chris Licata can program the Toms River channels; a letter would need to be sent to the Toms River Chief of Police to program police channels in the portables. Mr. Britton stated he spoke to Attorney Richard Braslow and if the District was to hire a Per Diem radio tech, the District would have to advertise the position. Chief Roman stated for now Chris Licata said he would program the portables. Mr. Britton stated let's send the portables to the County and in the meantime we can speak to the Police Department, perhaps set up a mutual services agreement down the road.

Public Participation – Pleasant Plains Firefighter Andrew Dorman stated that he failed his 2018 annual NFPA physical and had to see a specialist to get clearance, which he got; however, his specialist stated that he shouldn't have failed his original physical because his tests fell within the NFPA parameters. Mr. Dorman additionally stated, his medical insurance didn't cover the whole bill and he has a balance due of \$978.00 and he is asking the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No.2 to cover the expense. Mr. Geoghegan asked Mr. Dorman to get a letter from his specialist stating that he sees no difference between his test results and the original test results and that Mr. Dorman shouldn't have failed his annual physical. Mr. Geoghegan stated that once the Board receives the documentation, the Board will reimburse Mr. Dorman the \$978.00, and seek reimbursement from Hackensack Meridian Occupational Health. All Commissioners agreed.

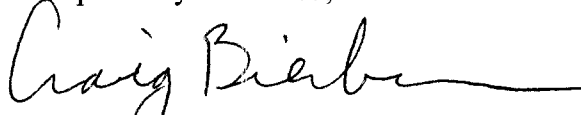
Ex-Fire Commissioner Robert J. Blank, 2040 Whitesville Road, Toms River stated he would like an explanation as to why he read a legal ad in the Saturday, February 2, 2019, Asbury Park Press for a meeting held on Friday, February 1, 2019 and also, why did the Board have a special meeting on February 1, 2019 in the middle of the day, 4:30 p.m. without proper notice. Mr. Geoghegan stated that is why the payments for the new trucks were reaffirmed at tonight's meeting and that 48 hours notice was provided to the papers; the meeting had been planned for several days and there were some conflicts with the contracts that led the Board to having a special meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Craig Bierbaum
Acting Clerk