

**Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 1 2019**

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, 15 Kettle Creek Road, Toms River, New Jersey. Acting Chairman Britton 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. Bierbaum, Mr. Duff, Mr. Britton.  
Absent: Mr. Silva, Mr. Geoghegan.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Duff 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. Bierbaum, Mr. Duff, Mr. Britton.  
Nay: None.

Bills were presented for payment by Treasurer Duff 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. Bierbaum, Mr. Duff, Mr. Silva, Mr. Britton.  
Nay: None.

Advanced Auto Parts	58.97	The Stress Center	30.00
Comcast	300.02	Toshiba	2.07
ERS Fleet Repair	788.53	Toms River Fitness	140.00
Hartford	218.38	All Hands Fire Equipment	650.00
Hines Products	1,160.00	Asbury Park Press	98.32
Hoover Truck	82.95	Continental Fire & Safety	1,914.00
Pleasant Plains Fire Dept.	3,992.00	Dings & Dents	100.00
Riggins	2,730.77	ERS Fleet Repair	1,739.77
Suez Water	36,769.75	New Jersey Fire Equipment	50.00
Silverton Vol. Fire Company	4,825.00	Paychex	126.72
Tasc Fire Apparatus	175.00	Verizon Wireless	532.14

Total \$56,484.39

Correspondence – Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners.

Communications/IT – Commissioner Bierbaum reported that there is a meeting tomorrow with the Communications Supervisor and Liaisons at 4 PM at District No. 1.

Fire Prevention Bureau – Commissioner Bierbaum reported that contract negotiations with the Fire Prevention Bureau Fire Inspectors and Clerical Workers are stalled right now; they have a response from the clerical staff, but they will discuss it at the joint board meeting.

Fire Academy – Commissioner Duff reported that graduation was on Monday, and he wished congratulations to Station 30 Bob Burns.

Purchasing: Purchasing Agent Gargano reported the following:

- Spoke to Blueline about the siren controller for 2900. It is on order, and they should receive it next week. They will notify us when it comes in so 2900 can be brought in to have it installed.
- Chiefs to make up a list of equipment to go out to bid. We are fast approaching the threshold of what can be purchased outside a bid.
- List of Rescue Truck Equipment from Continental needs approval from the Board to make the purchase.

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Substation:

- Commissioner Britton said we have to schedule a meeting on the renovation of the day room
- Commissioner Bierbaum stated that he would like to make the office more conducive for meetings and training.

Pleasant Plains report – Chief Roman gave the following report:

- The foam is working on 3041
- Five or six new members are attending Firefighter I in September
- They are thinking about dropping the 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. mutual response between the two fire companies.

Silverton report – Chief Sinnott gave the following report:

- They have approximately five new members attending Firefighting I for September, also.
- He advised that he received a quote from Clean Air, but he does not know who they met at the firehouse. He will contact Clean Air to follow up on this.

A motion was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum to authorize 2900 and 2910 to go to Fire Expo in Harrisburg, PA.

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

A motion was offered by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Duff to authorize the fire police truck to be used to bring the gear to the stair climbers' club in New York City.

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

- Chief Sinnott reported that a couple of the channels are not programmed properly on the small radios; Channel 2 and Channel 6 are the wrong information causing them not to receive or transmit. The newer radios that they received do not have the County trunking system in them; they have to go to the County; he would like District No. 1's radio repair do the programming.

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

- 1 Annual supply of SCBA batteries
- Equipment mounts for 2931 and 2931 by Silverton Vol. Fire Company
- 1 Oil Change on 2900
- 2 #247R028 Hurst Quick Ram Support
- 2 #10-125 gpm Task Force Tip Nozzle
- 3 Elkhart Stand Pipe Kit for 2905, 2913, and 2931
- 1 #19462910 Transducer Receiver for 2906 from West Marine
- 1 #17990367 Dome Light Replacement for 2906 from West Marine
- 3 #02933 Spot Lights for 2906
- 1 #724151 Rescue Stokes Tie in
- 1 724153 Rescue Pelvic Harness
- 1 293203 Rope Cutter
- 300 ft. K05140 Rescue Rope
- 1 Annual Fire Prevention supplies
- 1 APX8000 Portable Radio
- 4 APX8000 County Channels install
- 5 SL300 Toms River Channel repair
- 5 XTL1500 ID Updates
- 10 PPE Gear for Keating, Cocco, Inglis, Bahr, C. Shevlin, Reynolds, Kenny, Mooney, Zangara, and S. Walker
- 2 PPE Gear Jacket Repair

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15 Majestic Nomex Hoods  
15 Pro Tech 8 Gloves 5 size medium, 5 size large, and 5 size XL  
9 AV3000 SCBA Masks, 3 size L, 3 size M, 3 size S  
10 90130 Survivor Streamlight Battery  
2 19-625 Para Tech Struts and Parts from Continental  
1 2696-26 Milwaukee Tool Kit for 2913  
4 14" Pipe Wrenches  
6 18 oz. Dead Alan Hammer  
1 62 oz. Tool Fuel 8-pack  
1 6238 Tool Fuel Mixed 8-pack  
4 1041-1 Pac Trac gas and oil  
4 1042-1 Pac Trac Adaptor  
4 1042-2 Pac Trac Adaptor  
4 1042-D Pac Trac Adaptor  
600 ft. 225 Key Hose 2.25  
4 21863 Elkhart Nozzles

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

- Chief Sinnott reported that the old extrication equipment that we replaced with the e-Hydraulic tools, pump, cutters, rams, spreaders, they are all 1980s and 1990s and maybe the Fire Academy can use them.

A motion was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum to allow the Fire Academy to take the excess old extrication equipment that was replaced with the e-Hydraulic tools if Pleasant Plains does not want it.

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

Business Administrator Report – Business Administrator Gargano reported that there are a couple of applicants in the process.

**Unfinished Business:**

Paving of Sunset Avenue – Commissioner Bierbaum asked about the paving of Sunset Avenue. Commissioner Britton said it is being done.

Spike Baran Award – Commissioner Bierbaum congratulated Bob Burns on receiving the Spike Baran Award.

**New Business:**

Burning of the Bread Event – Commissioner Bierbaum reported that the ceremony was held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and it was very well attended; all attendees were thankful and appreciative.

Psychological Evaluation Test – Commissioner Bierbaum suggested going with the updated psychological evaluation exam that is conducted electronically; a laptop will be needed at the Board office; he will get additional information.

2911 – Commissioner Bierbaum reported that 2911 was transferred to the Fire Academy; maintenance and upkeep should come out of the Fire Academy budget. Commissioner Britton said it is Fire District No. 2's spare pumper. Commissioner Bierbaum would like this to be brought up at the joint board meeting. Chief Sinnott said if he is going to be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the truck, he would like to have it kept at the Silverton Firehouse; he does not have a key to the Fire Academy either, and he is concerned about missing equipment from the truck.

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Rent Increase to Fire Companies – Commissioner Bierbaum brought up raising the rent for the fire companies. Commissioner Britton reported that he could see what they get for commercial rentals per square feet.

Closed Session – A resolution was introduced by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Duff to go into closed session at 7:57 p.m..

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

WHEREAS, PL-1975 Chapter 231 allows for meetings in closed session on matters of personnel; and

WHEREAS, the commissioners have matters to discuss concerning firefighters not responding to calls while on worker's comp..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN go into closed session to discuss these matters as permitted by the open public act and that the results of this closed session be available to the general public upon the completion of the acceptance of the minutes at the next regular meeting and at such time as this matter in closed session is resolved.

Resume Regular Session – A motion was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum to resume regular session at 8:10 p.m..

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


Fire Police Specifications – Chief Sinnott reported that he will provide the specs and bid number to Business Administrator Gargano.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

  
Craig Bierbaum  
Acting Clerk