

Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2  
Wednesday, September 19, 2018

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 July 2018 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. Britton, Mr. Bierbaum, Mr. Geoghegan.  
Nay: None.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Britton, 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.

Bill from Toms River Fire District No. 1 in the amount of \$78,027.08 was 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. Duff, Mr. Bierbaum, Geoghegan.  
Nay: None.

Correspondence – Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners.

Communications – Commissioner Britton reported that the new dispatch supervisor started on Sunday; he will check in with him to see how it is going.

Apparatus – Commissioner Britton reported the following:

- One truck needs brakes.
- The registration for 3017 is in its glove box.

Purchasing – Purchasing Agent Gargano reported the following:

- Bids – Two trucks are on order; we are meeting with Bob Gray tomorrow morning to go over the Change Orders.
- Gear – Pleasant Plains made a request for seven sets of gear, but they only provided names for six. Asst. Chief Roman stated that they only need six sets.
- Reminder – all purchases must have a purchase order before the item/service is purchased. Please contact the Board office in advance of any purchase/service. Our voice mail is on 24/7.

Fire Officers' Association – Commissioner Bierbaum reported the following:

- He suggested to Chief Zeiser that the affected parties are to have input on issues in advance of the SOG being created/revised.
- He asked if the dispatchers were consulted by the Fire Officers Association for the dispatch SOGs. Dispatcher Hafner said "no;" and said that the Fire Officers Association should not tell the dispatchers what to do; he suggested that they send any proposed SOGs to the dispatch supervisor.

Silverton report – Chief Sinnott reported that the water tower at Hooper Avenue and Indian Hill Road is being replaced and refurbished for three months, and it is an ongoing issue with

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water pressure; the water company has been keeping the fire company advised as to the status.

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

- 3 Firefighters to attend Fire Ground Management on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 by Joe Zangara, Sean Walker, and Rich Gabriel at All Hands
- 12 Spray Paint (2 red, 3 black, 3 blue) from Home Depot
- 3 Quarts Flexseal, Black from Home Depot

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

Pleasant Plains report – Asst. Chief Roman gave the follow report:

- Matt Yezzi was injured at the fire today
- Paul McGinley got hurt, but he did not want to seek medical attention at this time.
- The light tower on 3051 is still not fixed by ERS. Engineer McCann said it has been two months now.
- Hose Testing – It has been our practice that when hose fails testing, it comes off the trucks for whatever reason. There was hose that failed for age and markings. The hose testing company said that by NFPA Standards, we do not have to take it off the trucks; it is up to us. He would like a letter sent that if they test our hose again, they have to take the failed hose off the trucks, label it as to why it failed, and the fire company will decide if they want to put it back on the truck. The fire company found one 100' of 5" hose that had no locks on it, and it should have been taken out of service.

Commissioner Bierbaum suggested that Pleasant Plains go over their laptop needs.

Commissioner Bierbaum presented water maps for the chiefs' vehicles, and asked the Chiefs to let him know how many more are needed.

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

- 3000, 3010, Pleasant Plains Fire Officers' portables, and Pleasant Plains Fire Police's portables will be done Friday morning.
- A loaner was put in 3051 and is working with the exception of the Knox box activation. Radio Tech will work on the Knox box activation on Friday after he does the above work.
- VHF radio in 3010 has to be done yet.

**Unfinished Business:**

Risk Assessment Survey Recommendations – Commissioner Bierbaum asked if the survey recommendations were completed by the fire companies. Business Administrator Gargano stated that the fire companies have not completed the recommendations, and she read off the list of what still needs to be done by them.

Approval of Overnight Stay at Wildwood for State Association of Fire Districts' Meeting and Fire Safety Commission Meeting for Commissioner Bierbaum was made on a motion offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Britton.

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

Closed Session – A resolution was introduced by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Duff to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m..

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

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

WHEREAS, the commissioners have matters to discuss concerning fire company response by firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the commissioners have matters to discuss concerning a request from the fire company regarding the requirements as Asst. Chief before becoming Chief;

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 these matters in closed session are resolved.

Resume Regular Session – A motion was offered by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Duff to resume regular session at 8:09 p.m..

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

Request from the fire company to waive the two-year requirement as Asst. Chief before becoming Chief was approved on a motion offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum.

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

Change Order – A motion was offered by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Duff to approve to have the TFT Deck Gun with Wireless Remote Controls installed on the engine being built by Rosenbauer at the factory as a change order to Rosenbauer at approximately \$21,506.

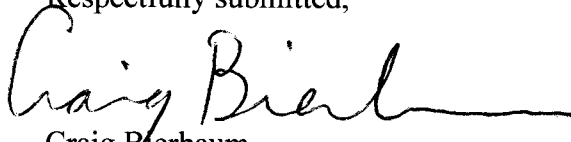
Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Bierbaum, Mr. Geoghegan.  
Nay: None.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Craig Bierbaum  
Acting Clerk