

Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2

Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 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.

Application for Membership was received from Raul Flores and was accepted on the roster of Pleasant Plains Fire Dept. as an active firefighter. Raul Flores was sworn as a firefighter by Chairman Geoghegan.

Vacancy on the Board – Commissioner Geoghegan reported that we solicited applications for Fire Commissioner from Silverton Vol. Fire Company to fill Chris Silva's position, and Silverton Vol. Fire Company recommended Michael Willson.

A motion was offered by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Duff to appoint Michael Willson to fill the unexpired term vacated by Chris Silva.

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

Michael Willson was administered the Oath of Office as Fire Commissioner by Chairman Geoghegan.

A motion was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Britton to appoint Craig Bierbaum as Clerk of the Board and Michael Willson as Asst. Clerk.

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

Chairman Geoghegan reported that Commissioner Willson will serve as liaison to the committees that Chris Silva served on.

Minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Britton, 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. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Bierbaum, Mr. Geoghegan.
Nay: None.
Abstain: Mr. Willson.

Minutes of the July 10, 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. Duff, Mr. Bierbaum, Mr. Geoghegan.
Nay: None.
Abstain: Mr. Willson.

Minutes of the August 7, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Britton, 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. Britton, Mr. Duff.
Nay: None.
Abstain: Mr. Willson, Mr. Bierbaum, Mr. Geoghegan.

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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. Duff, Mr. Bierbaum, Mr. Willson, Mr. Geoghegan.
Nay: None.

All Hands Fire Equipment	1,625.00	Hackensack Meridian Occup.	10,677.00
Asbury Park Press	62.84	Nat Alexander Company Inc.	2,176.22
Baywood Marina	267.78	Rackspace	716.10
Benecard	606.55	Retro Fitness	170.00
Clean Air	2,748.80	Daniel Roman	345.58
Dynamic Testing	220.00	Silverton EMS	1,500.00
ERS Fleet Repair, Inc.	2,761.83	Suez Water	18,378.55
Flowers by Joe Addalia	75.00	The Stress Center	38.00
Richard Gabriel	225.00	Toms River Fire District No. 2	69,322.57
Henry Schein	487.84	West Publishing	694.00
JCP&L	439.07	East Coast Trophies & Awards	650.00

Total \$114,187.73

Correspondence – Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners.

Apparatus – Commissioner Britton reported that everything is up and running in Pleasant Plains.

Insurance – Commissioner Britton reported that they met with the joint board insurance representative, and they discussed going back to VFIS.

Fire Prevention Bureau – Commissioner Bierbaum reported the following:

- There was a personnel investigation, and it has been closed.
- The attorney is working on contract negotiations.

Fire Academy – Commissioner Duff reported that Firefighter I & II starts on Monday.

Purchasing: Purchasing Agent Gargano reported the following:

- Bids:
 - Still waiting for hose from Continental
 - Still waiting for Elkhart nozzles and 300' rope from All Hands
 - Pick-Up Truck for Silverton is on order and should be in approximately November 25th

Awards – Commissioner Bierbaum reported that the VFW is giving out a Public Servant Award, and it is being awarded to John Hafner on October 8th; all are invited up to 30 people; RSVP to Commissioner Bierbaum as soon as possible. He reported it is a complimentary dinner at 5:30 p.m., and he recommends full dress uniform be worn.

Substation – Commissioner Britton reported that they have been working on two projects:

- Day room – they need another quote
- Re-do the lights in the truck bay – another quote is needed

Silverton Report – Chief Sinnott thanked the Board for allowing them to take the vehicle to Wildwood.

Pleasant Plains report – A motion was offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Duff to approve Pleasant Plains' request for Firefighter II at Monmouth County Fire Academy for Andrew Dorman in the amount of \$400.

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

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Business Administrator Report – Business Administrator Gargano gave the following report:

- New Applicants – All applicants have completed the process
- NFPA Physicals – Firefighters have a week and a half to get their physicals
- Sale of Vehicles – 2917 and 3061 are on auction on govdeals.com.
- Pump Testing: Monday, October 28th
 Tuesday, October 29th
- EZ Pass Transponders in 2913 and 2931 – Silverton Fire Company has to update their information with EZ Pass on their account because they keep running up violations with our trucks. She informed Chief Sinnott that he would have to contact EZPass to update their records as to the year, make, model, and license plate number of the vehicles that have the transponder numbers from the two old vehicles.

Unfinished Business:

Applications for Bookkeeper/Secretary – Commissioner Geoghegan stated that applications for Bookkeeper/Secretary close this Friday.

New Business:

Purchasing/Budgeting – Commissioner Britton advised the fire companies that no more requisitions are to be submitted after next meeting, and their large line item requests are due next meeting.


Participation by Public: Engineer Tom McCann reported that the 16 LED headlights to be put in the engines will cost \$2,000. Chief Roman said he does not see a need for it.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,


Craig Bierbaum
Clerk