

Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2

Minutes

Wednesday, September 4, 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.

A motion was offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Bierbaum to excuse Commissioner Silva's absence from the meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes of the last two meetings were tabled until enough commissioners are present to approve same.

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

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| Aish Fire Protection Co. | 215.00 | Pleasant Plains Fire Dept. | 4,742.00 |
| Benecard | 606.55 | Silver Bay Car Wash | 110.90 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield | 2,744.71 | Suez Water | 18,341.83 |
| Richard M. Braslow, Esq. | 55.50 | Silverton Vol. Fire Company | 5,575.00 |
| Comcast | 301.89 | Tasc Fire Apparatus, Inc. | 768.00 |
| Cummins Power Systems Inc. | 100.00 | The Stress Center | 95.00 |
| Defender Emergency Products | 1,648.00 | Toshiba Business Solutions | .54 |
| Dynamic Testing Service | 220.00 | Toms River Fire District No. 1 | 83,858.81 |
| Darlene Gargano | 16.41 | TruGreen Chem Lawn | 55.00 |
| Girtain Sign Company | 625.00 | Verizon Wireless | 532.18 |
| Greenbriar Woodlands | 6,788.88 | Mon-Oc Fire Protection, Inc. | 175.00 |
| Hackensack Meridian | 6,539.00 | The Hartford | 218.38 |
| Minuteman Press | 172.00 | New Jersey Fire Equipment | 134.47 |
| NJ League of Municipalities | 55.00 | Paychex | 130.95 |
| New Jersey Natural Gas | 67.76 | Riggins | 1,754.34 |
| Ozane | 120.00 | Verizon | 38.13 |

Total \$136,806.23

Correspondence – Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners.

Communications – Commissioner Bierbaum reported that we are in receipt of a letter from Communications Supervisor Sahatjian; it is too early in the process to comment; it is in the process of being looked into.

Apparatus – Commissioner Britton reported that everything is up and running in Pleasant Plains; we are waiting for a couple of things to go out for repair.

Insurance – Commissioner Duff reported that we have a meeting tomorrow on a joint board insurance issue.

Fire Prevention Bureau:

- Commissioner Bierbaum reported that contract negotiations are still ongoing.

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- They received an email regarding on an auditors report regarding the Fire Prevention Bureau, and he suggests we have a meeting with the auditor to better understand the issue. Commissioner Geoghegan stated that he would like the liaisons to be part of the exit conference with the auditor.

Fire Academy – Commissioner Duff reported that Firefighter I & II is starting at the end of the month.

First Aid – A motion was offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Duff to approve the requests for equipment from Silverton First Aid Squad and Pleasant Plains First Aid Squad as follows:

Pleasant Plains Fire Aid Squad:

- 1 12-57209 Mercury Flowsafe II Lg, AD from V. E. Ralph @ approx. \$335
- 20 17-980010 Stiffneck Select Collar from V. E. Ralph @ approx. \$.95 each = \$159
- 10 17-980020 Stiffneck Collar from V. E. Ralph @ approx. \$.95 each = \$79.50
- 5 10-006930 Glutose 15 (3 pack) from V. E. Ralph @ approx. \$15.75 = \$78.75
- 3 10-013110 Petrolatum Gauze Box from V. E. Ralph @ approx. \$13.65 ea. = 40.95
- 4 11101-000016 Infant/Child AED Pad Lifepak 500
- 8 11996-000017 Adult AED Pad Lifepak 500

Silverton First Aid Squad:

- 1 EMS Charts/Pennicare Patient Care Charting from Pennicare @ \$5,000

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

Purchasing: Purchasing Agent Gargano reported the following:

- Bids:
 - Most items awarded to Continental have been received. Pac Trac items should be shipped by this Friday. Hose should be in by the end of next week
 - Waiting for items from All Hands
 - Pick-Up Truck for Silverton is on order and should be in approximately November 25th

Substation:

- Commissioner Britton reported that he met with a builder to get quotes on refurbishing the day room for stand-by firefighters. He reported that he has a quote and will copy for all commissioners; the quote is for taking the paneling off the walls, cleaning and painting the walls, changing the ceiling tiles, installing dimmer lights, re-doing the kitchen area; he will copy for all to review.
- Commissioner Bierbaum asked Chief Roman if he can arrange a drill to clean out the gutters at the substation. Engineer McCann suggested not putting more than one person on the roof at one time. Chief Roman said he can arrange that.

Silverton Report – Chief Sinnott reported the following:

- There is a joint fire officers meeting next week; they had numerous conversations about fire ground channels.
- They had a couple of meetings with Ocean County College's new director regarding future drills.

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

- 1 Lot Cleaning Supplies from Advanced Auto @ approx. \$200
- 5 EMT Refresher Class for Firefighters Salam Bahr, Joe Brown, Chris Hansson, Chris Inglis, and Brian Geoghegan from Silverton First Aid Squad @ approx. \$125 ea. = \$625

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

- Everything is up and running
- His is waiting for 2905 to come back in service; they sent 3065 out for repairs, and it will probably be out of service for a couple of days.
- They got nine new members in the last month and a half; two are already qualified; they will have seven going to the Academy for Firefighter Level I & II
- They have no trucks going to Wildwood; however, they would like to have permission to take 3017 to tow the trailer
- They had 629 calls as of July 31st

- New Applicants – We have a few applicants in the process.
- NFPA Physicals – Firefighters have just three more weeks to get their physicals
- Sale of Vehicles – Are being posted on govdeals.com. Once govdeals is ready, I will advertise and give govdeals the dates.
- Pump Testing: Monday, October 28th
 Tuesday, October 29th
- EZ Pass Transponders in 2913 and 2931 – Need the number of the transponder that is in each vehicle to avoid violations
- Actuarial Report for Postretirement Benefits was completed and submitted to the auditor. Next year, the cost for the actuarial services will only be \$500.
- Psych Evals – Commissioner Duff installed the computer and monitor. Psych Evals are now being done on the computer.

Opti-Coms – Commissioner Bierbaum asked if anyone had an updated status on the opti-coms. Business Administrator Gargano reported that we issued the purchase orders for the opti-coms. Commissioner Bierbaum reported that he will contact Commissioner Silva regarding the opti-coms.

Aerial Inspection of 2905 – Commissioner Geoghegan reported that ERS was the lowest quote. Chief Sinnott stated that he would like an authorized Rosenbauer dealer to perform the work. Commissioner Duff suggested contacting P & L. Commissioner Britton advised that the contract that Pleasant Plains has for their aerial inspection is with Sutphen, and Sutphen contracts out with Blaze; he suggested finding out if Rosenbauer will provide a contract for the aerial inspection.

Work Session Meeting – Commissioner Bierbaum suggested having a work session meeting with the officers of each fire company after the second meeting of the month. Chief Sinnott said there are topics that can be discussed. Commissioner Bierbaum asked the chiefs to check their schedules, and asked if any other fire commissioner wanted to attend these meetings.

EMS Ambulance Assigned to the Fire Academy – Commissioner Bierbaum suggested that we have an EMS ambulance permanently assigned to the Fire Academy – something fully equipped and ready to go so that if anyone gets injured during any of the evolutions.

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they can be treated and transported expeditiously; there are many instructors who are EMTs at the Fire Academy. Commissioner Bierbaum reported that he discussed this with Pleasant Plains First Aid Squad Captain Monaco and Silverton EMS Business Administrator Geoghegan; this is to be brought up at the joint board meeting.

Conflict in being a Fire Commissioner and Fire Officer Simultaneously – Commissioner Duff reported that he received a letter from DCA regarding a complaint against him serving as Treasurer to Silverton Vol. Fire Company and as Fire Commissioner simultaneously; DCA found him not to be in conflict, but they stated that there would be a conflict if a fire officer of the fire company were simultaneously serving as a Fire Commissioner due to recommendations being made by fire officers for purchases. Commissioner Duff stated that he agrees that we should eliminate any fire officer from serving as a Fire Commissioner simultaneously, as well as excluding the treasurer of the fire company from being a fire commissioner. Commissioner Britton said we always had the intention to exclude all fire officers from being eligible to be fire commissioner. Commissioner Geoghegan said we could have firefighters on a truck committee making recommendations, as well; and he feels we have already addressed this issue. Commissioner Bierbaum said it is a valid point to be considered, should be tabled at this time, and warrants further discussion.

Closed Session – A resolution was introduced by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Duff to go into closed session at 8:02 p.m..

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Bierbaum, Mr. Geoghegan.
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 the upcoming open position in the Board office;

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 this matter 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 8:14 p.m..

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 8:18 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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Craig Bierbaum
Acting Clerk