

Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2

Minutes

DATE September 16, 2020

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. Quinlisk, Mr. Willson, Mr. Bierbaum

Absent:

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

Cash Receipts – None

Bills were presented for payment by Mr. Quinlisk and were approved to be paid on a motion offered by Mr. Quinlisk, seconded by Mr. Willson. Each commissioner abstains to his voucher, if any.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Quinlisk, Mr. Willson, Mr. Bierbaum.
Nay: None.

Continetal Fire	964.20	Ocean Security	593.28
Defender	2,980.42	Rackspace	762.30
Home Depot	636.01	Riggins	1,107.16
IAFC	215.00	Rutgers University	1,765.00
JCP&L	411.61	SUEZ Water	19,006.72
Kepwell	21.97	The Stress Center	209.00
Tom McCann	24.97	TR Fire Dist 1	101,306.46
Meridian	5,563.00	TR Fitness	65.00
MON-OC	200.00	United Healthcare	86.46
Moonlight Cleaning	375.00	Mike Willson	60.00

Total \$136,353.56

Correspondence – Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners

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Apparatus— Commissioner Willson reported 2905 had the radiator repaired and 2911 is Out of Service.

Fire Prevention Liaison—Commissioner Bierbaum advised there was a meeting with SDL, the Chief and the Administrator's to discuss solutions to the current issues with the program.

Purchasing – Administrator Carson advised the following.

Chief Sinnott requested a UHF radio for unit 2927. After researching pricing, purchasing an all band radio for unit 2900 and transferring the UHF radio to 2927 was fiscally better. Motion by Commissioner Willson, seconded by Commissioner Quinlisk to purchase the all band radio.

Roll call vote: Aye: Mr. Quinlisk, Mr. Willson, Mr. Bierbaum.

Nay: None.

18 Pagers have been sent to UCC to be repaired from Pleasant Plains. Once they return, we will send out the pagers for Silverton.

The ID Printer is currently OOS. District 1 is loaning us their spare. Researching a new one.

Awards Program— Commissioner Bierbaum questioned if the Chiefs have heard anything about the cancellation of the event. Chief Sinnott reached out to District 1 Officers association who advised if COVID was still going on, they would want to cancel the event. Administrator Carson advised the Chiefs he still needs the list of members to receive awards.

Silverton Report: Chief Sinnott reported progress

Pleasant Plains report: Assistant Chief Janora advised the fuel pumps still need to have a generator back up installed with transfer switch. He advised the Chief has made a response change for extrications. The Commissioners advised they received it and are ok with the change.

Business Administrator's report – Administrator Carson advised on the following:

1. **Fire Billing** –Rich Braslow suggest we go out to bid for the vendor. If we use a QPA we would not have to bid if income to vendor is under \$44,000
2. **Meridian-** 2020 NFPA Physicals are underway. Due to COVID19 the Pulmonary function test is being cancelled for 2020
3. **State Healthcare Benefits-** Working with Paul Sarti to hopefully go live on 10/1/2020
4. **Pre Con meeting-** Awaiting next meeting with PL Custom to discuss final changes.
5. **P Card-** Held meeting with Bank of America. Initial account set up. Card going live on 10/1/2020

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6. **Dispatch Discipline Policy-** Provided comments to Sup Sahatjian on first draft.
7. **Hydrant Reimbursement-**Received Reimbursement request from Green Briar and Lake Ridge.
8. **SUEZ-** Setting up meeting with SUEZ to discuss adding hydrants to needed areas. Awaiting a date from them.
9. **SDL Bureau-**Attended a meeting with SDL, Chief Esposito and Admin Kubiel to discuss changes needed. SDL is cooperating and will have fix in by January 1 for most issues.
10. **Academy Training COVID-** Decision reached to suspend COVID training policy restrictions with understanding it can be implemented anytime if Uptick occurs.
11. **Pension-**Still working with NJ Pension board to get Carson enrolled. The Chapter 52 course was sent out to the CO and the SCO to complete. If a member is not enrolled within 1 year, the district must pay for half of the back cost with a penalty.
12. **Dental Coverage-**A retiree contacted me to advise they never enrolled in the Dental plan. Working with Blue Cross to assist.
13. **Station 29 Insurance Claim-**Station 29 suffered an electrical issue which damaged truck and pc's. Working with Sipe Adjustments.

Unfinished Business:

Stipend Program Adminstrator Carson advised he needs to get Station 29's numbers for 2020 and Chief Sinnott is working on it. Commissioner Bierbaum explained to all the purpose of the program. AC Janora recommends we take one of the currently accepted programs approved by the State and utilize it to meet our needs. All agreed.

Election Update Commissioner Bierbaum advised we are working with the Ocean County Board of Elections looking into moving the elections to November. We must reach out to District 1 and have them on board to move forward. Administrator Carson will work with District 1 on the matter.

New Business:

Quarantine Update Commissioner Bierbaum advised there have been updates to state on the list of quarantine. The list is updated every Thursday.

Safeguarding America Act Commissioner Bierbaum advised the Safeguarding America First Responder Act COVID19 Benefits was signed into law.

AFG COVID Grant Commissioner Bierbaum advised the second round of grants is available this fall.

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Seasonal Membership Administrator Carson advised Chief Sinnott inquired about having seasonal membership for the district. A discussion was held and there are benefits to having extra members available as long as they meet the criteria. Question arose on what benefits the members would and would not receive. Administrator Carson was tasked with drafting a policy for next meeting.

1st Constitutional Bank CD Motion by Mr. Bierbaum, seconded by Mr. Quinlisk to move the money to Kearny Bank Money Market when the CD becomes due on 10/10/2020.

Roll call vote: Aye: Mr. Quinlisk, Mr. Willson, Mr. Bierbaum.
Nay: None.

District 1 Letter Administrator Carson advised our attorney received a request from the District 1 attorney to have a meeting with 2 commissioners, the attorneys and the administrators from each district to discuss changes needed in the current Joint Board Agreement.

Radio Project Administrator Carson advised of concerns about the progress of the current radio project and the known fact of having problem areas within the district. A decision was made to look into the possibility of an independent study outside of the current project to safeguard against if the current project continues to have no progress. Motion by Mr. Quinlisk, second by Mr. Willson to look into the process.

Roll call vote: Aye: Mr. Quinlisk, Mr. Willson, Mr. Bierbaum.
Nay: None.

Motion by Mr. Quinlisk, seconded by Mr. Willson to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Craig Bierbaum
Clerk