

Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2

Minutes

DATE October 4, 2023

A regular meeting of the Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2 was called to order at 19:30 hrs. at the, Pleasant Plains Firehouse, 40 Clayton Avenue Toms River, New Jersey. 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. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson
Absent:

Minutes of the previous meeting: were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Willson 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 was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

Cash Receipts:

Received check #000323 from the Toms River Fire District #1 in the amount of \$19,485.00 for August 2023 Bureau Revenue.

Received check #62055 from the VFIS in the amount of \$2,099.12 for Insurance Claim for damage to Kettle Creek Building.

Received check #62800 from the VFIS in the amount of \$4,465.56 for Insurance Claim for damage to 2913 Backing into Kettle Creek Building.

Received check #2045 from the Nottingham Insurance in the amount of \$741.69 for Insurance Reimbursement removing 3007 from policy.

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

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

4x Technology	495.32	NJFE	22,375.17
Action Termite	120.00	NJNG	43.38
Bank of America	209.21	PPFD	27,619.75
Blaze Emergency Equipment	5704.00	Skylands Area Fire Equipment	2285.00
Braslow	725.00	SVFC	30,493.75
Comcast	279.34	T-Mobile	391.02
County Line Hardware	3616.89	Toms River Fire District 1	736.43
DeAngelo Fire Protection	450.00	Velting Overhead Garage Door	690.00
ERS	13,851.64	Veolia	20,122.60
Dunham, Nancy	320.00		

Total \$130,528.50

Correspondence: Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners

Apparatus: Mr. Seiders and Mr. Willson advised all apparatus for both companies were up and running.

Fire Prevention Liaison Mr. Seiders reported that the Facebook Social Media posts on Fridays was going very well and that the open house is Sunday October 8, 2023.

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Fire Academy: Chief Instructor Cocco reported the Division of Fire Safety Classes were going well and that they are preparing for the open house.

Purchasing: Administrator Carson reported the following:

Meters being looked into by both companies. Chiefs have picked BW Gas Alert Micro Clip with a cost of \$20,307.20, SKED for Station 30 at cost of \$628.55, 2 RIT Pak3 for Station 30 at cost of \$7300.00, 1 FLIR K55 for Station 29 \$5,140.00, 2 FZ55 Panasonic Laptops for 2900 and 3010. A motion was made by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Duff to make the purchases. All members were in favor.

Awards Program: Mr. Britton advised the district is working with Lincoln Financial on the issues and setting up a meeting to resolve.

Substation: Mr. Britton advised the garage doors at the substation were being maintained.

Silverton Report: Chief Keating advised he is finalizing his budget, both companies are now county RIT certified and the fall festival is coming up.

Pleasant Plains report: Chief Janora advised he submitted his budget.

Business Administrator's report: Administrator Carson reported the following:

1. **Eligible Organization-**Steve Taylor was on site last Friday and has approved both facilities to move forward as an Eligible Organization.
2. **Recruitment and Retention-** attended the meeting with all companies to discuss the open house and how to approach potential members. October 8 is a go.
3. **Shared Service Agreement with District 1-** meeting with Dist. 1 attorney and Brian Kubiel along with Rich Braslow to work on finalizing a shared service agreement.

New Business:

Budget for 2024 Discussion A draft of the 2024 budget was reviewed and discussed. Awaiting Joint Board budget and will sit with Auditor to finalize.

Resolution Commissioner Compensation memo A motion was made by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Willson to accept the resolution keeping the Fire Commissioner salaries the same.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

Request for Meritorious Award from AC Yezzi A letter submitted by AC Yezzi was read about an accident on the Garden State Parkway where 4 members of the Pleasant Plains Fire Company went above and beyond the call of duty and will be recognized with a Distinguished Service Award. 2nd Lt Kevin B. Britton, Ex Chief Richard Heroy, Ex Chief Daniel Roman and FF Michael Montero. A motion was made Mr. Willson, seconded Mr. Duff to grant the award.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, , Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

Abstain: Mr. Heroy

Request for Unit Citation from Chief Janora A letter submitted by Chief Janora was read about Fire at Dover Chase Apartment where 3 members of the Pleasant Plains Fire Company demonstrated notable valor and teamwork successfully removing to unconscious parties from a smoke-filled apartment. Recognized with a Unit Citation for Engine 3041 will be FF John Crosio, FF Thomas Pullaro and FF Charles Bauer. A

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motion was made Mr. Seiders, seconded Mr. Willson to grant the award.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

Acquisition resolution of equipment from District 1 A motion was made by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Duff to accept the equipment as is from District #1.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

Closed Session: A resolution was introduced by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Willson to go into closed session at 19:54 hrs.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson
Nay:

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

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.

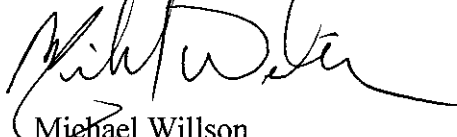
Resume Regular Session: A motion was offered by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Seiders to resume regular session at 20:35 hrs.

Roll call was taken; Present: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 20:36 hrs. by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Seiders.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson
Nay:

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Willson
Clerk

Resolution

**Establishing the Compensation for
Members of the Toms River Board of Fire Commissioners District #2
October 4, 2023**

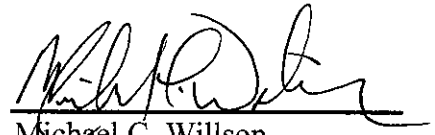
WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:14-88 provides that each member of the Board of Fire Commissioners shall receive as compensation such amounts as the Board shall fix; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:14-88 further provides that the compensation so fixed shall be subject to review by the governing body wherein the Fire District is located; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for members of the Board is set forth in Schedule A to the resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, as follows:

- (1) The Commissioners shall receive the compensation set forth on the attached schedule subject to review by the governing body of the municipality.
- (2) A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the governing body of the municipality upon adoption.


Michael C. Willson
Clerk

SCHEDULE A

	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Annual Health Benefits</u>
Joseph Duff	\$7,200.00	none offered
Richard Heroy	\$7,200.00	none offered
Kevin W. Britton	\$7,200.00	none offered
David Seiders	\$7,200.00	none offered
Michael Willson	\$7,200.00	none offered

Toms River Fire Commissioners District #2
Ref: Distinguished Service Award Recommendation

Dear Fire Commissioner's,

On October 2, 2022 at approximately 19:30 hours the Pleasant Plains Fire Department was dispatched to the Garden State Parkway mile post 87.2 to assist the New Jersey State Police, Toms River Police Department and the Toms River CSO ambulance in locating a missing person at the scene of an accident. Shortly after dispatch Chief Janora and Assistant Chief Yezzi responded with Assistant Chief Yezzi being first of the fire units to arrive on scene. Assistant Chief Yezzi reported that the female victim was found by the Toms River CSO ambulance Med 11. The New Jersey State Police at that time had requested that fire department still assist with blocking the right and middle lane to preserve the crime scene and provide lighting for same. The next arriving unit was Rescue 3033 followed by Chief Janora and later Engine 3051.

During the 4 hour incident Rescue 3033 provided lane closure and scene lighting till the unit was released from the scene and Engine 3051 took over. Prior to leaving the scene Engine 3051 was supplemented by the crew of Rescue 3033 which had Ex-Chief Rich Heroy and Lieutenant Kevin Britton. The following Firefighters: Ex-Chief Dan Roman and Firefighter Michael Montero volunteered to stay and assist Engine 3051 knowing that the purpose of the engine remaining on the Garden State Parkway was to wash the remains of the female victim after the crime scene investigation was completed. Engine 3051 was eventually notified by Assistant Chief Yezzi that the scene was cleared for Engine 3051 to begin clearing the remains and what can be described as a gruesome and horrific incident.

The crew of Engine 3051 conducted themselves in a manner of nothing less than composed and professional, while conducting their task of clearing the remains of the victim from the roadway. Due to the outstanding dedication and professionalism I am recommending the following firefighters for the Distinguished Service award: Second Lieutenant Kevin Britton, Ex-Chief Rich Heroy, Ex-Chief Dan Roman and Firefighter Michael Montero.

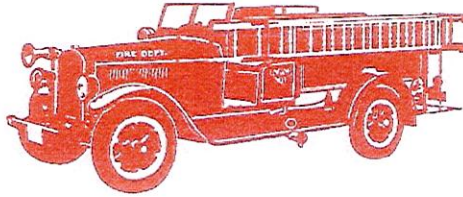
Respectfully Submitted,



Assistant Chief Matthew G. Yezzi

PLEASANT PLAINS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Established 1926



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Unit Citation for the Pleasant Plains Vol Fire Department - Unit 3041 and Crew
Fire Alarm Activation – Dover Chase Apartments

On October 1st, 2023, Pleasant Plains Fire Department Unit 3041 crewed by firefighters John Crosio, Tom Pullaro, and Operator Charles Bauer demonstrated notable valor and teamwork in response to a fire alarm at the Dover Chase apartment complex.

Chief Janora arrived on the scene, where light smoke was found emanated from a second-story window. Firefighter Tom Pullaro, under the direction of Firefighter John Crosio, forced entry into the apartment unit 403. Inside, they encountered heavy smoke due to unattended cooking, a pan with food was left on a stove top burner for an unknow length of time. Firefighters conducted a thorough search for the cause of the smoke and in turn locating two sleeping occupants – one on a couch and another in a bedroom.

Additional crew members from Pleasant Plains Ladder 3065 provided valuable assistance with ventilation and a secondary search of the apartment unit, ensuring no one was left in harm's way.

This commendation recognizes the professionalism and dedication of the crew operating on Pleasant Plains Unit 3041 in safeguarding lives during a critical situation. Their actions exemplify the values of the Pleasant Plains Volunteer Fire Department and are deeply appreciated by our community.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Janora', is written over the text 'With gratitude,'.

Matthew Janora
Fire Chief
Pleasant Plains Volunteer Fire Department
October 4, 2023

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT NO.1 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY
OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS
PROPERTY**

OCTOBER 4, 2023

WHEREAS, The Toms River Board of Fire Commissioners District No. 1 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey are the owners of One (1) Hurst Spreader Model No. SP-310, Serial Number 251796-09 Asset Tag No. 251165 and one (1) Hurst Cutter Model Number S-312, Serial Number 354097-01, Asset Tag Number 25-1165 which has been determined by the Commissioners as district property not needed any longer for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of transferring surplus property in an "as is" condition without express or implied warranties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) The transfer of the surplus property shall be conducted with the Toms River Board of Fire Commissioners District No. 2
- (2) The transfer is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (3) The surplus property as identified shall be transferred in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.

CERTIFICATION

I, Leonard Minkler, Clerk of Toms River Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a meeting held on October 4, 2023.


Leonard Minkler, Clerk

10-4-23
Date: