

## Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2

### Minutes

DATE September 6, 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. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Absent: Mr. Heroy

**Application for Membership-** Applications received for Kaitlyn Gioxaris and Christopher Vedutis both for Pleasant Plains Fire Company. A motion was made by Mr. Seiders, seconded by Mr. Willson to accept both into the department.

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

Nay:

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

Nay:

#### **Cash Receipts:**

Received check #000321 from the Toms River Fire District #1 in the amount of \$11,190.96 for July 2023 Bureau Revenue.

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

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

Nay:

4x Technologies	495.32	Comcast	279.34
Atlantic IT	890.00	Crunch Gym	69.00
Bank of America	2,340.27	ERS	4,387.37
Baywood Marina	501.99	FF1	5,381.96
Braslow	1,050.00	JCP&L	497.54
Carson, T	79.14	Jersey Coast Fire	2,838.00
Celebrity Ford	99.95	Knox	1,543.76
Mesina R	100.00	SVFC	30,493.75
Dunham N	320.00	T-Mobile	778.44
NJ Fire Equipment	1,005.00	The Stress Center	209.00
NJ Natural Gas	88.12	Toshiba	47.34
Ocean Security	671.76	TR Fire Dist 1	76,489.06
PPFD	27,619.75	TR Fitness	145.00
Prestige Car Wash	102.34	Veolia	18,862.79
Primepoint	72.50	Wireless	1,040.00
Ridgeway Leather	100.00	Zangara, J	31.00
Riggins	2,708.90	Zoll Data Systems	5,000.00
Seacoast Accounting	300.00	JJD Handyman	145.00
Service Tire	697.00	Lincoln Financial	3,350,929.95
Silver Bay	98.94	State Healthcare	4,470.35
Skylands	40,792.41		
State of NJ	12.00		

Total \$3,583,784.04

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**Correspondence:** Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners

**Communication/IT:** Mr. Britton advised that the ADTRON was ordered and should be in for October.

**Apparatus:** Mr. Seiders gave an update on the Station 30 apparatus and Mr. Willson reported on the Station 29 apparatus.

**Fire Prevention Liaison:** Mr. Britton reported the bureau did a great job at the First Night Out.

**Fire Academy:** Mr. Willson reported we will be having a Liaison meeting in the next few weeks.

**Purchasing:** Administrator Carson reported the following:

Need to order Opticom parts from damaged 2 antennae Signal Control Products.

Motorola purchase of additional radios needed to complete new system.

Pump with installation from ERS for 2979

2 name tags needed for turnout coats.

A motion was made by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Willson to make all of the above purchases.

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

Nay:

**Awards Program:** A motion was made to make the cutoff date to request a distribution October 31, 2023 by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Duff.

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

Nay:

**Substation:** Administrator Carson reported Bsafe out three times to fix alarm. May need to replace panel in future

**Silverton Report:** Chief Keating reported members did an outstanding job at the fire in Greenbriar. He is requesting permission to take a vehicle to Wildwood. He would like to have a checklist for membership and will work with administration office.

**Pleasant Plains report:** Chief Janora reported the fire at Greenbriar was a great job by all. He also requested permission to go to Wildwood. He advised the two companies are having a joint drill on September 28 with the TRJCC Catering the event to say thank you. He would like to have the district able to contribute up to \$1,000 towards the open house recruitment. A motion was made by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Willson to allocate the funds.

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

Nay:

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

1. **Radio System-** Meeting being set with both districts and Motorola to design new channels.
2. **Recruitment and Retention-** Looking to host an open house recruitment day on October 8 at the Fire Academy. Meeting set for September 25 to go over how to talk to future applicants.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Key Fob Project-** still no answer from Multicomm on getting the project started.

**Lincoln Financial Update-** Administrator Carson gave the update on the current status including all the money was transferred and the members started receiving emails on next steps.

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**New Business:**

**Resolution Disposal of Turnout Gear and Hand light to 9/11 Fund:** A motion was made by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Seiders to approve the disposal and donation to 9/11 fund.

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

**Silverton First Aid Squad Request for Fire rehab/MCU assistance:** Administrator Geoghegan sent a letter requesting the district along with District 1 consider budgeting some money in the 2024 budget to help fund a township wide rehab/mcu unit. The board will discuss with District 1 and decide during the budget sessions.

**Request to make 9/11 a Day off for Remembrance for all employees:** Administrator Carson requested the Board consider making September 11 a Day off for Remembrance for all employees. A motion was made by Mr. Seiders, seconded by Mr. Duff to approve the day.

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

**Letter to the State Division of Fire Safety:** Mr. Britton requested the administrator draft a letter with assistance of Mr. Braslow to the State expressing our displeasure with their consistent changes to the standards for firefighters with little or no input from the fire departments.

**Open to the Public:** Joseph Zangara questioned the board of fire commissioners as to when the Silverton Fire Company is going to get information on the suspension of Assistant Chief Sinnott. Mr. Zangara stated in his 10 years as a firefighter with the company he does not understand why the company is not being told what is going on. Board Chairman Britton explained it is a personnel matter and cannot be discussed. Mr. Zangara was not happy with the answer and ended the questioning.

**Closed Session:** A resolution was introduced by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Willson to go into closed session at 20:01 hrs.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, 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 20:32 hrs.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 20:33 hrs. on a motion by Mr. Willson, second by Mr. Seiders with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michael Willson  
Clerk