

## **BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 6, 2013**

### **OPENING:**

Acting President Louis Memmolo called the regular meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013, at 8:00pm, with a salute to the American Flag.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 2013 were approved by the floor as submitted.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Roll call showed 17 Commissioners present and 8 absent. Chief Hotmar, Captain Lewis and Mayor Gotto were also present for the meeting.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

### **SPECIAL:**

Service Certificates were presented to Ex-Commissioners Esposito, Lasocco and Hodges.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Joint Purchasing Committee, Progress.

### **CHIEFS REPORT:**

Chief Hotmar briefed the Boards on the following matters.

1. Chiefs Report. All running smoothly at the present time.
2. Captain Lewis advised the Boards that the communications equipment is presently operating without problems. Captain Lewis reported that the progress is moving very slowly with respects to the replacement back up equipment tower for Preventorium Road. Problems in getting a complete breakdown cost for the new tower. While we have a quote, it is not broken down. It appears that we will have to go out for bids, and will need assistance from the Township with funding. What the Insurance Company is providing from the loss is not sufficient to cover the cost of a new tower.
3. Chief Hotmar and Captain Lewis are working on a new inspection fee concept which would include pricing based upon square footage, rather than just a flat inspection fee. Same is still in development.
4. Fire Prevention Week is October 6 – 12, 2013. This year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires".

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Mayor Gotto advised the floor that there is new legislation that requires Fire Companies to file mutual aid plans for their response areas, and suggested that the Boards be sure to check out this legislation, so that they can be in compliance.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The President, who was not at this meeting, reported to Chief Hotmar that the three attorneys were unable to get together to discuss the proposed resolution of the establishment of the Joint Boards, therefore He has no reported progress on the resolution. Commissioner Roe addressed the floor and asked if the Boards reviewed his proposed resolution on the establishment of the Joint Boards that he secured from the State Association of Fire Districts. After a discuss on Commissioners Roe's resolution, the Boards on a motion by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Carter voted to have the Roe resolution submitted to the three Fire District Attorneys for review and direction. This was approved with all Districts voting in the affirmative.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. With the appointment of Joint Boards Representative to the Planning/Zoning Boards still unfilled, Commissioners Kelly reminded the Boards the importance of this position and after a discussion on this subject; Commissioner Pawlowski agreed to accept appointment to this position. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Memmolo, with all Districts voting in the affirmative. Chief Hotmar will prepare the resolution of appointment, the letter of appointment and notification to the Planning/Zoning Boards Secretary.

## **GOOD/WELFARE:**

1. Honor Board Awards, Class 1 Medal of Valor will be presented at the Township Council meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 6:30pm.
2. 9 -11 "Howell Remembers" will be held at the 9-11 Memorial on Preventorium Road at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2013.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Commissioner Wm. Donahue, seconded by Commissioner Frank Biddle, with no further business coming before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING, DECEMBER 6, 2013, 8:00pm, FIRE DISTRICT # 4  
RAMTOWN FIRE COMPANY**