

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – September 6, 2018

OPENING:

Joint Board President, Don Franklin, called the September meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 6th day of September 2018, at 8:00pm, at the Southard Fire Station, with a salute to the American Flag.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 2018 were emailed to all Commissioners and copies were made available at the meeting. Approved as submitted.

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call showed 17 Commissioners present, 8 absent. Also present was Chief Lewis.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Joint Purchasing Committee had nothing new to report.

Planning Board representative reported the following:

- a. Randolph Road warehouse project passed
- b. Discussion of the expansion of the Bobcat Dealer and State DOT concerns

A discussion continued about pay for attending the planning board meetings.

This was done in the past. Motion was made by Jim Bailey to pay \$50.00 per meeting attended to the Representative. This would be paid each 6 months and divided amongst the 5 districts. Motion seconded by Harry Carter. Vote was unanimous in favor.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Lewis briefed the Boards on the following matters.

1. Chief Lewis shared that the Bureau recently hired Carl Halpin, Jr. as a full time fire inspector. He is to start the job on September 10.
2. Communications update. (repeater and receiver sites)
 - a. Interference issue - This is still being studied by the FCC. We have noticed a decrease in noise recently.
 - b. Radio System update/replacement – Chief Lewis reported that 3 of the receivers have been delivered and installed. The repeaters have not

completely arrived at Wireless C&E yet. Waiting on the duplexers to be delivered.

c. A short discussion was held on the insurance for the repeaters and receivers.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – Progress. Ladder truck back in service.
2. District #2 – Thanks for the help at the recent structure fire. 2-78 has returned and is in service after repairs on the turbo. 2-85 going back for warranty work.
3. District #3 – Progress. Parking lot resurfaced by County thru a shared services agreement.
4. District #4 – Progress
5. District #5 – Progress.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Jim Bailey to change the meeting times beginning in 2019 to a 7:30 PM start time. This was seconded by Harry Carter. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Radio planning discussion – A radio study was discussed. It was suggested that each district budget \$25,000 for the 2019 budget for a study. This will be discussed further at the October executive board meeting.
2. Shared services – District #5 asked about a Township wide Porta Count machine to do SCBA fit testing in house instead of paying for it. District #1 currently has a machine they are thinking of replacing. Discussion on sharing the machine and the cost or an agreement with the District who purchases the machine. Discussion will continue.

GOOD/WELFARE:

1. Next Executive Board Meeting, September 27, 2018, 7:30PM, Howell Fire Bureau Conference Room.
2. Howell Day September 22, Noon until Dark, Fireworks at dark.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner Bill Bommer, seconded by Commissioner Lou Memmolo, Sr., with no further business coming before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING, DECEMBER 6, 2018, 8:00PM, FIRE DISTRICT #4
RAMTOWN FIRE COMPANY, 88 RAMTOWN GREENVILLE ROAD, 8:00 PM.**