

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – December 6, 2018

OPENING:

Acting Joint Board President, Lou Memmolo, Jr, called the December meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 6th day of December 2018, at 8:00pm, at the Ramtown Fire Station, with a salute to the American Flag. The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

MINUTES:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call showed 14 Commissioners present, 11 absent. Also present was Chief Lewis and Ramtown Fire Chief Gotto.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Joint Purchasing Committee reported that many of the purchasing contracts are expiring.

Planning Board representative reported the following:

He has attended 3 meetings with nothing to report. If any District has any comments in reference to the plans or applications, please let Jeff Hodges know so that he can present the comments during the meeting.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Lewis briefed the Boards on the following matters.

1. New Inspector Carl J Halpin is working out great. Recently completed and passed the Basic Fire Investigation class.
2. Communications update. (repeater and receiver sites)
 - a. Short discussion on the interference issue. No one has noticed this since the replacement of all the radio repeater equipment. No update from the FCC.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – Commissioner Pereira has been battling some illnesses. Awarded bids for generator.

2. District #2 – Recently had a member injured at a fire call, 62 members, all equipment in service, Awaiting delivery of Ice Water Rescue equipment and Paratech Struts. Radio purchases are ongoing.
3. District #3 – All equipment in service, budget has been completed.
4. District #4 – Anticipating delivery of new SCBA's before the end of the year. All equipment is in service, upgrades to 4-90 are complete.
5. District #5 – All equipment is in service, completing ladder and pump testing, budget ready for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ramtown Fire Chief Gotto discussed the radio situation briefly and suggested that a committee of commissioners and chiefs be assembled to discuss radio planning. While the system we have has been replaced and is operating, deficiencies still exist. These need to be identified and corrective measures proposed. He will discuss this at the next Joint Chief's meeting and assemble representatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The absentee ballot was forwarded to District #3 for advertising. It was mentioned that anyone who has previously asked for an absentee ballot will be automatically mailed one for every election including the Fire District elections.
2. Chief Lewis mentioned that the School Board has asked for all election polling places to be removed from the schools for security reason. Chief Lewis will be attending a meeting on December 20th to discuss this issue.
3. Approval of meeting dates for 2019, Executive Board and JBFC.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Biddle discussed a mix up in billing between NJAWC and the new development Equestra. They were paying for hydrants that the fire district was paying for.
2. Fire District #2 is still missing a new portable since the National Night Out Demonstration at Target shopping center.

GOOD/WELFARE:

1. Next Executive Board Meeting, January 24, 2019 7:30PM, Howell Fire Bureau Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

**NEXT MEETING, MARCH 7, 2019 at 7:30PM, FIRE DISTRICT #5
FREEWOOD ACRES FIRE COMPANY, 17 EAST 5TH STREET.**