

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – JUNE 6, 2019

OPENING:

Joint Board Acting President, William Bommer, called the June meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 6th day of June 2019, at 7:30pm, at the Squankum Fire Station, with a salute to the American Flag.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 2019 were emailed to all Commissioners and copies were made available at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Commissioner Carter. Seconded by Commissioner K. Johnson, so voted.

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call showed 14 Commissioners present, 11 absent. Chief Lewis was also in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board Representative Report – Commissioner Hodges has no report.

Radio Study Committee – meeting was held with Richard Touroonjian from Allegiant Wireless, LLC. After reviewing his scope of work and resume it was decided to present his proposal to the Boards for approval. Each Board will be billed directly based on the total time the project takes. The total is estimated at about \$37,200 which would be roughly less than \$8,000 per District. Please discuss at your next individual Board meeting and have the Executive Board rep ready with an answer for the next Executive Board meeting on June 27th, 2019. (Copy Attached)

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Lewis reported that Mark Hopkins resigned his position with the Bureau.

Interviews were held and David San Martin was chosen to fill the spot. He has many credentials desirable to the Bureau.

Radio system is operating. No reports have been received about any situations or problems.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – Two new commissioners have been appointed to fill the vacant spots created by the death of Alfred Pereira and resignation of Raymond (Toby) Roe. Daniel Timmerman and Edwin (Ted) Runyon, Jr. have been appointed to fill the positions until the next election.
2. District #2 – Harry Carter reported the fire company membership is at 67 members. All trucks in service. Physicals are being held on June 19th.
3. District #3 – Adding new hydrants in Candlewood development area. All trucks in service. Physicals on Saturday June 8th.
4. District #4 – All equipment in service. 4 new members. Hose testing and physicals have been completed.
5. District #5 – All Trucks in service. Physicals were completed in May.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Hodges asked for website updates. Chief Lewis will handle.
2. Commissioner Bob Tice reviewed his comments which were reflected in the executive board minutes. He is concerned about total combined budgets approaching \$7,000,000. He feels that more should be done to discuss duplication of equipment. Further discussion followed.
3. Discussion of dispatching and procedures – It was noted that fire companies have been cancelled prior to any fire officers arriving on the scene. Discussion followed.
4. OEM responses. OEM is a resource and should not be making command decisions. Suggestion made to notify OEM when needed by a fire officer not automatically.
5. Executive Board to discuss dispatching by establishing a committee. This will be 1 member from each District Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of Fire Academy procedures for enrolling in Firefighter 1 classes. Commissioner Bommer explained the way he understood the process by making an appointment.
2. Township wide Social Media Policy/SOG – All agree this needs to be adopted.

GOOD/WELFARE:

1. Next Executive Board Meeting, June 27, 2019, 7:30PM, Howell Fire Bureau Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner H. Carter, seconded by Commissioner R. Donahue, with no further business coming before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019, 7:30pm, FIRE DISTRICT #2
ADELPHIA FIRE COMPANY STATION 2, HWY 33, 7:30 PM**