

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

OPENING:

Joint Board President, Greg Scarlato, called the September meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 5th day of September 2019, at 7:30pm, at the Adelphia Fire Station #2, with a salute to the American Flag. The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 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 20 Commissioners present, 5 absent. Chief Lewis was also in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board Representative Report – Commissioner Hodges has no report.

Radio Study Discussion – Commissioner Carter (District #2) advised that the radio study is being pursued by Fire District #2 as they are having many problems with the current radio system. Any Fire District that would like to assist in the cost of this study is welcome. It will benefit all Districts in the long run. Carter also noted that there will be a meeting with the radio consultant on Monday, September 9, 2019, beginning at 8 PM at the Adelphia Fire Station #2 on Route 33 to finalize the scope of work. All are invited to attend. An extended discussion ensued.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Lewis reported that the Fire Bureau is operating at full staff currently. There are numerous Fire Prevention activities upcoming. Very busy with inspections as usual.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – Sending 2 members to the Firehouse Expo. Holding a pump ops class, completing diver open water class, interviewing for additional per diem firefighters, Engine 1-77 is out of service.

2. District #2 – Engine 2-78 is out of service, fire prevention open house planned for October 6, extrication training ongoing, at least 3 new members in the fire academy.
3. District #3 – Progress
4. District #4 – All trucks in service, 2 members in the fire academy, new training door prop received.
5. District #5 – All trucks in service, 2 in the fire academy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A long discussion was held on the purpose and need to continue the Executive Board meetings. After determining that the Executive Board no longer is needed to “supervise” the fire bureau, a motion was made by Commissioner Carter to cancel all remaining Executive Board meetings and to disband the current Executive Board. This was seconded by Commissioner Franklin. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Chief Lewis discussed the need for the Boards to ensure a secretary is appointed each year to take over the minutes of each meeting. Discussion on the posting of the minutes on a website.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Township wide Social Media Policy/SOG – All Districts have adopted this policy in some form. This will be removed from future agendas.

GOOD/WELFARE:

1. Fire Bureau is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo on Saturday September 7th at Walmart. 11 am until 3 pm.
2. Fire Prevention Week – October 6 – 12. This year’s theme is “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape, Plan and Practice your Escape”
3. NJ State Fire Districts meeting at Wildwood Convention Center on Friday, September 13th and 9:30 am.

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, DECEMBER 5, 2019, 7:30pm, FIRE DISTRICT #3
SOUTHARD FIRE STATION, 4611 HWY 9 NORTH, 7:30 PM**