

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2019

OPENING:

Joint Board President, Greg Scarlato, called the December meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 5th day of December 2019, at 7:30pm, 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 September 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 R. Donahue, so voted.

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call showed 17 Commissioners present, 8 absent. Chief Lewis as well as officers from Southard Fire Department were also in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Board Representative Report – Commissioner Hodges reported the application before the Planning Board for 9 warehouses in District #4 was on the agenda for tonight's meeting. He also reported that the stipend from Districts #1, 3 and 4 has not been paid for 2018.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Lewis reported that the Fire Bureau is operating at full staff currently. Discussed all the new buildings being completed in the town, Joseph Fazzio, Inc. and U-Haul. Reported on completion of most inspections. Will have all inspection completed by the end of year as required. Howell Fire Bureau will be taking over all Fire Bureau duties in Farmingdale Borough effective January 1st, 2020.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – All equipment in service. Paid staff hours changing to 6am to 6pm Monday thru Friday on January 1st, 2020. District #1 will also be responding to EMS calls again effective January 1st, 2020.

2. District #2 –Presented the first bill from Allegiant Wireless for the radio study to all districts. This is payable to District #2. Planning walk-thrus for new buildings in their District. Sending a couple members to driving school for CDL license.
3. District #3 – All in service. Member returning to home tomorrow after 11 months overseas in the military. Escort planned. All welcome to attend. Fire Company elections held. New Chief elected.
4. District #4 – All trucks in service, Fire Company elections held. New Chief elected.
5. District #5 – All trucks in service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chief Lewis presented the annual radio maintenance contract. After a discussion it was agreed to submit this bill to each District to pay. Chief Lewis will have Wireless C & E forward individual bills to each District.
2. Meeting dates for 2020 were presented. Motion made by R. Donahue to approve and advertise the dates. 2nd by D. Howlett. So voted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of progress on radio study. See attached.
2. Request for Allegiant Wireless to be at meeting in March to present findings.

GOOD/WELFARE:

1. Condolences to Fire District #5 and the Donahue family on the passing of Past Fire Commissioner Edna Donahue.
2. NJ State Fire Districts meeting at Adelpia Fire Station #2, Route 33 on Saturday, December 7th and 9:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

**NEXT MEETING, MARCH 5, 2020, 7:30pm, FIRE DISTRICT #4
RAMTOWN/HOWELL FIRE STATION, 88 RAMTOWN-GREENVILLE ROAD,
7:30 PM**