

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – DECEMBER 1, 2011

OPENING:

President Al Pereira called the regular meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 1st day of December 2011, at 8:00pm, with a salute to the American Flag.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 2011 were approved by the floor as submitted.

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call showed 18 Commissioners present and 7 absent. Chief Hotmar and Captain Lewis were also present for the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Fire District # 1 informed the Boards that Commissioner Robert Disbrow has resigned from the Board due to his relocation out of town. His slot will remain unfilled until the February 2012 Fire Commissioners elections.

SPECIAL:

1. Steve Gerrity from Howell Police Dispatched spoke to the Boards about interfacing their CAD system with the individual Fire Companies software. This interfacing will provide the Fire Companies with the dispatch fire call incident information, including back filling of N FIRS report information on each fire dispatch. This interfacing will require the installation of additional equipment at police dispatch, as well as the development of a network. As to the cost of this equipment, it's still being developed and additional information needs to be secured before that figure can be obtained. After additional discussions, the Boards agreed that Steve should have the vendor come to the January's Executive Board meeting to discuss this concept further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Purchasing Committee, Progress.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Hotmar briefed the Boards on the following matters.

1. All Fire Bureau operations are running smoothly and without issues at the present time.
2. Captain Lewis advised the Boards that the Communications Equipment for Howell Fire -2 is presently operating without problems.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On a motion by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Johnson the public hearing on the Howell Fire Bureau 2012 budget was open for discussion. After three calls for public comment, without receiving any comments, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Carter.
2. On a motion by Commissioner Wm. Donahue, seconded by Commissioner Eadiccio the Joint Boards adopted the Fire Bureau's 2012 budget for \$358,133.00, which represents an increase of \$9,983.00. This increase reflects contractual salary obligations only. This was approved on a vote of 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 7 absent. (See attached)
3. On a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Scarlato the Joint Boards approved the 2012 salaries for the full time Fire Bureau staff on a vote of 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain and 7 absent. (See attached)
4. Commissioner Carter representing Fire District # 2 expressed concern that the problems relating to pager failure activation for 10 plus members of the Adelpia Fire Company is still not fixed, nor has there been an official recommendation as to how this problem can be resolved. He indicated that Fire District # 2 wanted to go on record as to their displeasure that no resolve has been addressed and if this condition continues to go unaddressed, that Fire District # 2 may have to research their options of going to Monmouth County Dispatch. Steve Gerrity, representing Howell Dispatch indicated that just today he met with his radio service vendor and requested that they begin an immediate study into resolving this issue. He further stated that if necessary, he will meet with other vendors to seek their resolve recommendations and for fixes. After further discussion it was agreed by the Joint Boards that the Executive Board could act on behalf of the Joint Boards if there was no action taken to resolve these activation failures in a timely fashion. Steve Gerrity hopes to have some direction for the Joint Boards at the January meeting of the Executive Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

GOOD/WELFARE:

1. Advertisement of the 2012 meeting dates, Executive Board and Joint Boards will be published in the APP after the first of the year, and posted on the Fire Bureau webpage.
2. Advertisement for the Commissioners elections mail in ballot will be published in the APP on Wednesday, December 14, 2011.
3. Next Executive Board meeting is Thursday, December 15, 2011, 7:30pm.
4. Distribution of 2012 pocket pal calendars.
5. NJ State Fire Districts meeting, Saturday, December 3, 2011, 9:30am, Hamilton Township.
6. Mayor Walsh has been appointed by the Township Council as liaison to the Executive Board for the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners.
7. Happy Holidays to all!

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner Robert Donahue, seconded by Commissioner Smith, with no further business coming before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

**NEXT MEETING, MARCH 1, 2012, 8:00PM, FIRE DISTRICT #2,
ADELPHIA FIRE COMPANY, STATION 2**