

## **BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2013**

### **OPENING:**

Acting President Mike Morgan called the regular meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013, at 8:00pm, with a salute to the American Flag.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 2013 were approved by the floor as submitted.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Roll call showed 16 Commissioners present and 9 absent. Chief Hotmar, Captain Lewis and Mayor Gotto were also present for the meeting.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

### **SPECIAL:**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Joint Purchasing Committee, Progress.

### **CHIEFS REPORT:**

Chief Hotmar briefed the Boards on the following matters.

1. Chiefs Report. All running smoothly at the present time.
2. Fire Bureau Budget for 2014 was submitted to the Township Manger as follows;

Salary/Wages: \$323,653.00

Operating Expenses: \$ 32,245.00

Capital Projects: \$ 68,000.00

3. Captain Lewis advised the Boards that the communications equipment is presently operating without problems. The Comparator has been installed and is working with the exception of the Adelpia Repeater, which is having phone line issues. The bonding for the tower is up for final adoption at the next upcoming Township Council meeting and then the process can begin in securing quotes, assigning the project and getting the old bent tower down and the new tower installed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. On a motion by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Biddle III, the Boards voted to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters relating to the Joint Resolution establishing the Joint Boards. (8:10pm) On a motion by Commissioner Equils, seconded by Commissioner Biddle III, the Joint Board voted to come out of Executive Session, and return back to the regular meeting. (8:25pm)
2. On a motion by Commissioner R. Donahue, seconded by Commissioner Kelly, the Joint Boards voting by Districts passed the Memorandum of Understanding to Create the Howell Township Joint Board of Fire Commissioners. This was approved with all Districts voting in favor. Commissioner Kelly will secure the necessary signatures and provide each District with two signed copies of the Memorandum. Furthermore, as per the Memorandum this agreement shall become effective when authorized by the appropriate resolutions adopted by each autonomous District.

## **GOOD/WELFARE:**

1. Advertisement of 2014 meeting dates, Exec. Bd. and Joint Boards.
2. Advertisement of Commissioners Elections, and Ballots. (12-11-2013)
3. Executive Board meeting, December 19, 2013.
4. Distribution of 2014 pocket pal calendars.
5. Happy Holidays to all!

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Commissioner Bob Donahue, seconded by Commissioner Jim Eadicicco, with no further business coming before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING, MARCH 6, 2014, 8:00pm, FIRE DISTRICT # 5  
FREEWOOD ACRES FIRE COMPANY**