

## **BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2017**

### **OPENING:**

Joint Board President, Al Pereira, called the March meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 2nd day of March 2017, at 8:00pm, at the Adelpia Fire House, Station #2, with a salute to the American Flag.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

President Pereira announced the passing of the Presidency to Fire District #2. Harry Carter stepped up as the President of the Joint Boards for 2017.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 2016 were emailed to all Commissioners and copies were made available at the meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Roll call showed 16 Commissioners present, 9 absent. Also present was Chief Lewis.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

### **SPECIAL:**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

### **CHIEFS REPORT:**

Chief Lewis briefed the Boards on the following matters.

1. A. Chief Lewis reported that he has presented his 2017 budget to the Council and no comments have been received since then. Still waiting for the budget to be introduced.  
B. Question was raised in December about Fire Department radio communications to Monmouth County changing to the 700 MHZ band. Chief Lewis reported that his emails to Fire Marshal Stout and Sheriff Golden has produced an answer that indicates the only moves at this time are for the first aid squads.  
C. The Howell Police communications has switched only police communications to a NJ State trunked 700 MHZ channel.
2. Communications update. (repeater and receiver sites)
  - a. The West Farms Road Repeater is out for service.

- b. The T1 project is completed. Once all bills are paid, the Township Finance Officer will create the bills necessary to pay our share of the upgrade.
- c. Interference issue –
  - A. Chief Lewis indicated that there is a bill for the study to be completed from Wireless Communications for \$3500.00. We are not sure this is the total or a preliminary bill. We will be researching further before paying.
  - B. There is a proposal from Wireless Communications to install filters to attempt to remove the interference on Howell Fire 2 channel. There is no guarantee this will stop it however, the study indicates this is a problem. The estimate/quoted price is \$4,626.60. Commissioner F. Biddle made a motion to proceed with the work. This was seconded by Commissioner J. Tucker. All voted in favor.
- d. Chief Lewis reported that all our receivers and repeaters have been in service for approximately 16 years. We need to start planning for replacements. Right now Motorola has committed to continue support and parts availability for 2017. We do not know if it will continue. Chief Lewis will get some estimates so the Boards can start to plan the replacements.

#### **FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:**

- 1. District #1 – The budget was approved for 2017. No other information
- 2. District #2 – Sold some extra land after reviewing the completion of Station #2, in the process of purchasing new Scott 5.5 SCBA units, the new pumper/rescue is in service.
- 3. District #3 – New commissioner Lou Memmolo IV was elected, budget passed. The rescue is out of service for repairs. New truck to be delivered soon. New SCBA bottle fill station is in. Working on upgrading SCBA units.
- 4. District #4 – New engine 480 is back from factory and back in service. Budget passed.
- 5. District #5 – 2 new commissioners elected – James Donahue and Jeff Hodges. Budget passed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **GOOD/WELFARE:**

- 1. Next Executive Board Meeting, March 23, 2017, 7:30PM, Howell Fire Bureau Conference Room.
- 2. State Fire Districts meeting at Station 19-2, Route 33 Station, 9:30 AM, Saturday, March 4, 2017.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Commissioner C. Davison, seconded by Commissioner J. Bailey, with no further business coming before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING, JUNE 1, 2017, 8:00pm, FIRE DISTRICT #3  
SOUTHARD FIRE DEPT. – 4611 ROUTE 9, NORTH, 8:00 PM.**