

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – JUNE 1, 2017

OPENING:

Joint Board President, Harry Carter, called the June meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 1st day of June 2017, at 8:00pm, at the Southard Fire House with a salute to the American Flag.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 2017 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. Chief Lewis was away on vacation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Lewis prepared a report for the meeting as follows:

1. The Fire Bureau is currently accepting applications for the position of Fire Prevention Inspector I. Gary Davison has resigned his position with the Bureau due to medical issues.
2. Inspector Robert Beattie has been completing Fire Prevention Education in the schools.
3. Communications update. (repeater and receiver sites)
 - a. Howell Fire 2 is back in service. Bills will be sent out shortly for the portion of the repair that was not covered by insurance.
 - b. Wireless Communications has completed the installation of the filters to possibly eliminate the noise on Howell Fire 2. Unfortunately this has not solved the problem.
 - c. On 5/23/2017, Chief Lewis notified the FCC about our interference problem. They opening a case and have assigned the investigation. A study is being done to locate the source.

- d. At the April Executive Board meeting a discussion was held in reference to the age of the repeaters and receivers. It was decided that all Fire Districts should consider budgeting approximately \$25,000.00 in their 2018 budgets so that the replacements can be completed in 2018.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – Nothing to report
2. District #2 – The Fire Company will be celebrating 90 years of service on 6/3/2017. Time of celebration will be 6 pm to 11 pm.
3. District #3 – Nothing to report
4. District #4 – Nothing to report
5. District #5 – Nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Don Franklin asked why Farmingdale Fire Dept was not included in paying for the radio repairs, etc.
- Extensive discussion on the issue of Farmingdale's financial participation in the radio network of Howell Township followed.

GOOD/WELFARE:

1. Next Executive Board Meeting, June 22, 2017, 7:30PM, Howell Fire Bureau Conference Room.

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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017, 8:00pm, FIRE DISTRICT #4
RAMTOWN HOWELL FIRE CO. #2, 88 RAMTOWN GREENVILLE ROAD, 8:00 PM.**