

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – September 7, 2017

OPENING:

Joint Board President, Harry Carter, called the September meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 7th day of September 2017, at 8:00pm, at the Ramtown Fire House with a salute to the American Flag.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 2017 were emailed to all Commissioners and copies were made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Lou Memmolo, Sr. to approve the minutes as submitted, 2nd by Bill Bommer. So voted.

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call showed 16 Commissioners present, 8 absent. Chief Lewis was also present.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Lewis reported on the following:

1. The Fire Bureau has hired Tucker Brendle as a full time fire prevention inspector. We have also hired Daniel Timmerman as a part time fire prevention inspector.
2. Inspector Robert Beattie has resigned his position as a part time inspector after receiving a reassignment at his full time job.
3. Communications update. (repeater and receiver sites)
 - a. All repeaters and receivers are operational at this time.
 - b. Discussion of garbled messages from dispatchers. Chief Lewis reminded all that the Chiefs need to send email indicating date and time that this is happening.
 - c. Interference issue is still being studied by the FCC.
 - d. Chief Lewis asked for support for his 2018 budget which includes a full time Administrative Assistant position. Greg Scarlato made a motion to draft a letter of support for the 2018 budget and the full time position being requested by the Chief, 2nd by Lou Memmolo, Sr. So voted.
 - e. Discussion on new water mains and fire hydrants.

- f. Fire Prevention week theme is “Know 2 Ways Out”. The Fire Bureau will be assisting at open houses around town that week. We are also sponsoring the “After the Fire” program for Howell High School seniors on October 20.
- g. Discussion of the repeater/receiver replacement for 2018. Reminder that each District should try to budget \$25,000.00 to fund the replacement of these units in 2018.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – Nothing to report
2. District #2 – Nothing to report – slow month.
3. District #3 – Radio communications have not been clear on dispatch; there are many Fire Trucks on GovDeals.com. Selling SCBA bottles.
4. District #4 – Hosting drill at Natural Gas Plant on Saturday 9/9. In process of changing out portable radios.
5. District #5 – Progress

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of new law pertaining to the District election dates. The Law will not go into effect until 2019. All Districts agreed to keep the same election dates and if a change is necessary, all will act together.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

GOOD/WELFARE:

1. Next Executive Board Meeting, September 28, 2017, 7:30PM, Howell Fire Bureau Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

**NEXT MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 2017, 8:00pm, FIRE DISTRICT #5
FREEWOOD ACRES FIRE CO., EAST 5TH STREET, 8:00 PM.**