

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – December 7, 2017

OPENING:

Joint Board President, Harry Carter, called the December meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 7th day of December 2017, at 8:00pm, at the Freewood Acres Fire House with a salute to the American Flag. The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

MINUTES:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call showed 19 Commissioners present, 6 absent. Chief Lewis was also absent.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Joint Purchasing – Comm. Toby Roe had nothing new just let everyone know that Motorola pager may not be available next year.

CHIEFS REPORT:

In the Chief's absence, he had prepared a written report which President Carter read. The follow is excerpts from that report.

1. Regular and special holiday inspections have been continuing.
2. A new part-time public education officer has been hired. Douglas Frueh has been appointed to this position.
3. Denise Dougherty has been hired as our part time clerk.
4. The Fire Bureau budget was presented to the manager on November 9, 2017.
5. Our capital budget requests included a replacement vehicle and a replacement smoke trailer.
6. Recently, we have begun to use tablets to complete field inspections. This limits inspector's time in the office.
7. Chief reported that the absentee ballot for the Fire Districts elections will be in the Asbury Park Press on December 13th.
8. Communications update. (repeater and receiver sites)

- a. All repeaters and receivers are operational at this time.
- b. Interference issue is still being studied by the FCC.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – Special ballot question for radios and emergency generator
2. District #2 – Ladder truck back in service, special meeting for utility truck with plow
3. District #3 – Progress.
4. District #4 – Held special meeting and ballot on SCBA replacement. This passed.
5. District #5 – Progress

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of the Fire Bureau Chief's request to have the fire districts consider the sharing of expenses in the replacement of the "smoke" trailer. This was brought up by the Township Manager when reviewing the capital projects. During the discussion it was commented the districts can't pay for something they have no control of, however, each district will talk separately about this in the next few months.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of radios, dual band radios, trunking, and maintenance charges.

GOOD/WELFARE:

1. Next Executive Board Meeting, January 25, 2018, 7:30PM, Howell Fire Bureau Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner R. Donahue, seconded by Commissioner A. Pereira, with no further business coming before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

**NEXT MEETING, MARCH 1, 2018, 8:00pm, FIRE DISTRICT #1
SQUANKUM FIRE COMPANY, 271 SQUANKUM ROAD, 8:00 PM.**