

## **BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2020**

### **OPENING:**

Joint Board President, Greg Scarlato, called the March meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 5th day of March 2020, at 7:30pm, at the Ramtown-Howell Fire Station, with a salute to the American Flag.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 2019 were emailed to all Commissioners and copies were made available at the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Commissioner Carter. Seconded by Commissioner R. Donahue, so voted.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Roll call showed 16 Commissioners present, 9 absent. Chief Lewis was also in attendance.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chief Lewis received a letter from Manasquan OEM requesting a Letter of Concurrence to satisfy the FCC with licensing a new radio frequency in Manasquan. Chief Lewis will follow up with Manasquan to determine any potential interference with Howell Fire 2 before returning the letter.

### **SPECIAL:**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Planning Board Representative Report – No report as Jeff Hodges is no longer a Fire Commissioner. After a discussion, it was decided that each District would monitor the projects in their District. Chief Lewis will forward the planning board agenda to each District. If they felt they needed to attend a meeting they could.

### **CHIEFS REPORT:**

Chief Lewis reported that the Fire Bureau is looking for an individual to be the Public Education Officer. This is a part-time position.

Bureau is very busy with inspections. Many vacant business spaces are being reconfigured for new tenants.

All radio equipment is currently operational.

## **FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:**

1. District #1 – All equipment in service.
2. District #2 –All equipment is in service. Big focus on training. 60 active members on the rolls. Budget was defeated.
3. District #3 – All equipment in service. Working with NJ American Water on hydrants and upgrades throughout the District.
4. District #4 – All trucks in service. A couple new members in the fire academy.
5. District #5 – All trucks in service. Budget was approved. New commissioner elected, James Harper.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Reorganization - President Greg Scarlato (District 4) passed the gavel to Robert Donahue (District 5).
2. Commissioner Carter announced the State Fire District meeting will be held on 3/7/2020 at Adelpia Fire Station #2 on Route 33 at 9:30 am.
3. President R. Donahue brought up for discussion the new dispatching procedures for sending multiple fire companies to incidents other than structure fires. After hearing different views, it was stated that this is a Chief's Policy and should be handled and adjusted by them if they feel necessary.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion of progress on radio study. Commissioner Tice indicated that the field work for the study is complete. We should be able to have a meeting to review the findings soon. He will set this up once Allegiant Wireless is ready.

## **GOOD/WELFARE:**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Commissioner R. Tice, seconded by Commissioner K. Harper, with no further business coming before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING, June 4, 2020, 7:30pm, FIRE DISTRICT #5  
FREEWOOD ACRES FIRE STATION, 17 EAST 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET,  
7:30 PM**