

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – JUNE 3, 2021

OPENING:

Joint Board President, Tom Matthews, called the June meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners to order this 3rd day of June 2021, 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 March 4th, 2021 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 George Patten. Seconded by Commissioner James Donahue, so voted.

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call showed 13 Commissioners present, 12 absent. Chief Lewis was also in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Radio Committee – Chief Lewis reported that the Township had entered into contract with allegiant Wireless to act as consultant for the fire, police, EMS, OEM radio consolidation and improvements. Short discussion on next steps.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Lewis reported that the Fire Bureau has hired Christopher Szczygiel as the new full time Fire Inspector. Chris is a retired Battalion Chief from Passaic Fire Department. Chief Lewis reported on 2 promotions approved within the Fire Bureau. Effective July 4th, Lieutenant Prochnow will be promoted to Captain.

Also effective July 4th, Fire Prevention Inspector D’Arcy will be promoted to Fire Prevention/Protection Inspector I.

Chief reported the repairs had been completed to the antenna and related equipment at the radio tower site behind the old town hall buildings. Bills had been forwarded to District 1 and should be sent out to the other Districts shortly.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – All equipment in service. Fire station generator finally getting completed. Rescue truck 19-1-85 has been sold and is permanently out of service
2. District #2 –All equipment is in service. New utility truck should be arriving soon to replace 2 old suburbans.
3. District #3 – No report.
4. District #4 – All equipment in service. Expecting delivery of 2021 Urban Interface truck as well as a new Chief's truck.
5. District #5 – All equipment in service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

GOOD/WELFARE:

Keep Gerry Murphy (District #1 Fire Commissioner) in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers at a local rehab center.

Also keep Harry Carter (District #2 Fire Commissioner) in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover at a rehab center in Monroe Twp.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner R. Donahue, seconded by Commissioner F. Biddle, with no further business coming before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING, September 2, 2021, 7:30pm, FIRE DISTRICT #5
FREEWOOD ACRES FIRE STATION, 17 EAST 4TH STREET,**