

BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

OPENING:

The September 2 meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Dan Timmerman. President Tom Matthews was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm at the Freewood Acres Fire Station with a salute to the American Flag.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 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 Frank Biddle. Seconded by Commissioner Robert Donahue, so voted.

ATTENDANCE:

Roll call showed 8 Commissioners present, 16 absent. Chief Lewis was also in attendance. This meeting continued for information purposes only. A meeting quorum was not present therefore no official action to be taken.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

SPECIAL:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Radio Committee – Chief Lewis reported that there has been some progress on the tower site selection and it seems that the Aldrich Park and Ride site is better suited for our needs. We will need to build out this site. Our consultant, Rich Touroonjian has been in contact with the State numerous times and is working through the approvals. Progress

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Lewis reported that the Fire Bureau has hired Joseph Fernandes as the new full time Fire Inspector. Joe is a volunteer firefighter in Englishtown. Joe replaces Chris Szycygiel who recently resigned.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. District #1 – Thanked all departments for their assistance during time of funeral for Fire District #1 President Gerald Murphy. Progress
2. District #2 – Tanker is out of service. Needs transmission or transfer case parts. The truck has been around a while and parts are hard to find. Rescue 2-85 is out of service.
3. District #3 – No report.
4. District #4 – All equipment in service.
5. District #5 – Progress

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

GOOD/WELFARE:

Portuguese Festival on 9/11 at Cruz Farms with Fireworks. 19-1 is standing by.
Howell Day on September 25. Fireworks at dark. 19-4 handling standby.

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, December 2, 2021, 7:30pm, FIRE DISTRICT #1
SQUANKUM FIRE CO., 271 SQUANKUM ROAD, 7:30PM.**