

## **BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MINUTES – DECEMBER 2, 2021**

### **OPENING:**

The December 2 meeting of the Joint Boards of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Tom Matthews. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Squankum Fire Station with a salute to the American Flag.  
The Open Public Meeting statement was read.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting of September, 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 16 Commissioners present, 8 absent. Chief Lewis was also in attendance.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

### **SPECIAL:**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Radio Committee – Chief Lewis reported on the progress made to date. The overall price has been reduce to \$4.74 million due to the diligence of Rich Touroonian. After an extended discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Tice to continue to move forward with the project and support the Township Manager in signing the necessary documents to continue the progress of developing the radio system. This was seconded by Commissioner Bailey. All in attendance voted to approve the motion.

### **CHIEFS REPORT:**

Chief Lewis reported that the Fire Bureau has hired Ryan Valentino as a part-time Fire and Life Safety Educator. He will start with the Bureau after the first of the year. The Fire Bureau 2022 budget has been deliver to the township manager on November 30, 2021 at the annual budget hearings.

**FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS:**

1. District #1 –Progress
2. District #2 –Tanker is still out of service. 2-78 is also out of service. Expected to return by the end of the month.
3. District #3 – A new ladder truck is on order
4. District #4 – Progress
5. District #5 – 5-91 out of service for extended time for repairs. Going out to bid on new tanker.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Meeting dates for 2022. Commissioner K. Harper made a motion to approve the dates submitted for the 2022 meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Biddle. All present voted in favor.
2. The township manager asked if he could develop contracts for the radio system work through one of the district attorneys instead of multiple. It was agreed that this would be best however, each district attorney would have an opportunity to comment.
3. District #1 is handling the advertisement of the Absentee Ballots and the meeting dates for 2022.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**GOOD/WELFARE:**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**NEXT MEETING, March 3, 2022, 7:30pm, FIRE DISTRICT #2  
ADELPHIA FIRE CO. STATION #2, 993 HIGHWAY 33.**