

**JOINT BOARDS OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
July 21, 2022**

OPENING:

Joint Boards President Commissioner Bob Tice called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

FLAG SALUTE:

Flag Salute and a moment of silence were recognized

ATTENDANCE: 16 members present. Fire Marshal Lewis was also in attendance.

SPECIAL:

Councilman Bonevich was present and asked to speak to the Board. He made the following summarized remarks:

- He is in support of the radio project and improvements to communications
- No changes to dispatch are being considered. All comments are rumors
- He supports Howell Police dispatchers and is not in favor of any change

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

FIRE BUREAU CHIEF'S REPORT:

1. New Full Time Fire Inspector – Giancarlo Anzalone started 5/16/2022.
2. Reviewed Public Education Programs and school visits

DISTRICT REPORTS:

1. Fire District #1 – No Commissioner present
2. Fire District #2 – All apparatus in service, all member physicals completed
3. Fire District #3 - All apparatus in service, new ladder truck expected in 2023
4. Fire District #4 – Received new Chief's truck, expecting new engine in September 2022
5. Fire District #5 – Ladder still out being repaired, member physicals complete, new tanker truck ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Extended discussion of radio project status and the possible move to Spillman CAD software system. The following highlights were noted.

1. Township Manager Jos Clark is weighing all options about dispatch including keeping Howell Police dispatchers as well as looking at County Dispatch.
2. Attorney Richard Braslow is working on the Referendum wording and the procedure required to have the vote.
3. Spillman CAD software system is moving forward and will most likely be part of the Referendum. Need to make sure the money is put in place to get this done.
4. Numerous commissioners commented and questioned the town Council's support of the project and keeping dispatchers in Howell.
5. Suggested attending the August 16th Council meeting to review project and get commitment from Council that the dispatchers will stay in place.

6. Questioned whether the Districts could require an agreement to keep the dispatchers prior to committing to spend the money for the radio upgrades. This will be investigated going forward.
7. Request was made to send a letter to the Township to ask for a discussion on the radio project and dispatchers at the next Council meeting (Aug 16).

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Harper reminded everyone that there has been a discussion and standard procedures were passed in reference to posting incident picture on social media. He requested that each District remind their members about the policy and that these social media postings needs to be regulated and stopped.

GOOD/WELFARE:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Commissioner R. Donahue and second by Commissioner Biddle the meeting was adjourned at 20:45 hours.