

MINUTES

The Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, held on the above date, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Fisher with Commissioners Shelley and Bixby present. Also present were Commissioner-Elects Samuel Schlindwein and Charles Schuster, Administrator Chesner, Chief Green, Fire Official Worrell, Fire Police Captain Tom Keyes, Fire Police Lieutenant Boileau, Squad Treasurer Collins and Dan Posternock of the Law Firm Barron and Posternock, LLP.

Chairman Fisher opened the meeting by reading the following statement in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" by title only;

Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the "*Open Public Meetings Act*," has been given by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, of the Township of Moorestown in the following manner; by posting written notice on the Public Meetings Act Bulletin Board in Town Hall on March 6, 2009, and entering the same in the official book of the Fire District in the Municipal Library; mailing written notice to the official newspaper, the Burlington County Times on March 6, 2009; filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Moorestown on March 6, 2009; filing written notice with the Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1; and mailing written notice to each person who has requested copies of the schedule of meetings and who has prepaid the fixed charge for such service.

Following that, Chairman Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, after which he indicated the emergency exits.

**OATHS OF OFFICE:**

Chairman Fisher requested that Dan Posternock of the Law Firm Barron and Posternock administer the Oath of Office to Commissioner-Elect Samuel J. Schlindwein and Commissioner-Elect Charles H. Schuster for three-year terms on the Board of Fire Commissioners ending March, 2013.

**NOMINATIONS:**

The nomination of officers was opened on a motion by Chairman Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Shelley.

Chairman Fisher turned the meeting over to Mr. Posternock, whom in turn handled the nominations of officers for 2010-2011. Commissioner Shelley was nominated for the office of Chairman by a motion from Commissioner Schuster, seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein. There was a second nomination for the office of Chairman for Commissioner Fisher offered by Commissioner Bixby; the nomination for Commissioner Fisher for the office of Chairman wasn't seconded. There being no further question on the motion for Commissioner Shelley as Chairman

the nominations were closed; the motion for Commissioner Shelley for the office of Chairman was carried by the five Board members present.

Commissioner Fisher was nominated for the office of Vice Chairman by a motion from Commissioner Schlindwein, seconded by Commissioner Schuster. There being no question on the motion the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the five Board members present.

Commissioner Schuster was nominated for the office of Secretary/Clerk by a motion from Commissioner Schlindwein, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. There being no question on the motion the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the five Board members present.

Commissioner Schlindwein was nominated for the office of Treasurer by a motion from Commissioner Schuster, seconded by Commissioner Bixby. There being no question on the motion the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the five Board members present.

Commissioner Bixby was nominated for the office of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer by a motion from Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Schuster. There being no question on the motion the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the five Board members present.

Resolution 2010-10 "*Appointment of the Officers of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011*" was introduced confirming the election of officers as a result of the prior motions. A motion was offered by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Bixby. There being no question, the resolution was adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Following the adoption of Resolution 2010-10, Board Solicitor Posternock administered the oaths of office to the commissioners.

### **REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:**

Administrator Chesner asked if any Commissioner would have an objection in having Resolution 2010-11 read by title only. A motion was offered by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Bixby allowing Resolution 2010-11 to be read by title only with an explanation of the content of said resolution. The motion was carried by the five Board members present.

Resolution 2010-11 "*Fixing the Time & Place of Regular Meetings & Making Provisions for Special & Emergency Meetings*" was offered on a motion by Commissioner Schuster and seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein. There being no question, the resolution was adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2010-12 "*Appointing an Auditor, Solicitor, Insurance Broker, Depository of District Funds and Official Newspaper of the District*" was offered on a motion by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Bixby. There being no question, the resolution was adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2010-13 “*Authorizing the Fidelity Bond*” was offered on a motion by Commissioner Bixby and seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2010-14 “*Establishing Statutory Fees for Reproducing Costs*” was offered on a motion by Commissioner Schlindwein and seconded by Commissioner Schuster. There being no questions, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2010-15 “*Establishing the Rate of Reimbursement for Mileage on Personal Vehicles & Establishing a Per Diem Rate for Official Travel*” was offered on a motion by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Bixby. There being no questions, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

### **REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN:**

Chairman Shelley welcomed the two new Commissioners to the Board and stated that he looks forward to working with them along with Commissioners Fisher and Bixby. Chairman Shelley stated that both Commissioner Schlindwein and Schuster bring many years of fire service experience as well as personal experience which will significantly add to the institutional history of the Board.

Chairman Shelley went on to say the following: with new Commissioners come change and perhaps a different approach to problem solving. Some changes will, for the most part, go unnoticed by the fire department membership while others such as benefits and remuneration will have a direct and positive effect. What is important is that we all work together even if we don't agree on a given issue.

I believe that we should concentrate on completing projects and initiatives that are currently in process such as the purchase of a new engine, self-contained breathing apparatus, scheduling a Fire Chief's election, and devising a workable “pay per call” system before taking on new projects other than pressing business.

With some careful planning, we should be able to control spending so that there will not be an increase in the fire tax rate in 2011. However, events that may occur that are beyond our control may dictate otherwise, but we will give it our best effort.

We all look forward to the continuing cooperation and efforts of our professional staff as they are vital to our ability to carry out the work of the Board. And it goes without saying that our dedicated volunteer officers, firefighters and fire police are the core of our efforts and we will continue to support them as much as possible.

Thank you all for coming and we look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

### **OTHER REMARKS:**

Commissioner Fisher also welcomed the two newly elected Commissioners and stated that he looks forward to working with both of them.

On a motion by Commissioner Schuster, seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein, the reorganization meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Schuster  
Secretary/Clerk