

MINUTES

The Reorganization meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, held on the above date, was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Giorgi with Commissioners Bowman, Fisher, Moriuchi and Bixby present. Also present were Administrator Chesner, Chief Constantine, Assistant Chief Green and Solicitor Thomas Barron.

Chairman Giorgi 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 7, 2007, 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 7, 2007; filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Moorestown on March 7, 2007; 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 Giorgi led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, after which he indicated the emergency exits.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Chairman Giorgi requested Solicitor Barron to administer the Oath of Office to re-elected Commissioners Stephen H. Bixby and R. Max Fisher for two full three-year terms ending March, 2011.

NOMINATIONS:

Chairman Giorgi turned the chair over to Commissioner Moriuchi, whom in turn handled the nomination of Chairman for 2008-2009. Commissioner Giorgi was nominated for the office of Chairman by a motion from Commissioner Bixby, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. There being no question on the motion, the motion was carried 5-0.

Commissioner Fisher was nominated for the office of Vice Chairman by a motion from Commissioner Moriuchi, seconded by Commissioner Bowman. There being no question on the motion, the motion was carried 5-0.

Commissioner Moriuchi was nominated for the office of Secretary/Clerk by a motion from Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Bixby. There being no question on the motion, the motion was carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bowman was nominated for the office of Treasurer by a motion from Commissioner Moriuchi, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. There being no question on the motion, the motion was carried 5-0.

Commissioner Bixby was nominated for the office of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer by a motion from Commissioner Bowman, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. There being no question on the motion, the motion was carried 5-0.

Resolution 2008-15 "*Appointment of the Officers of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009*" 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 Moriuchi. On a roll call vote, the resolution was adopted 5-0.

Following the adoption of Resolution 2008-15, Board Solicitor Barron administered the oaths of office to the five commissioners present.

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2008-16 "*Fixing the Time & Place of Regular Meetings & Making Provisions for Special & Emergency Meetings*" was offered on a motion by Commissioner Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Moriuchi. There being one amendment, removing the word rule found in section 5, the resolution was unanimously adopted as amended 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2008-17 "*Appointing an Auditor, Solicitor, Insurance Broker, Depository of District Funds and Official Newspaper of the District*" was offered on a motion by Commissioner Bixby and seconded by Commissioner Fisher. There being no question, the resolution was adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2008-18 "*Authorizing the Fidelity Bond*" was offered on a motion by Commissioner Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Bixby. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2008-19 "*Establishing Statutory Fees for Reproducing Costs*" was offered on a motion by Commissioner Moriuchi and seconded by Commissioner Bowman. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2008-20 "*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 Bixby and seconded by Commissioner Fisher. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN:

Chairman Giorgi spoke briefly about some of the accomplishments of Year 2007 including the adoption of the Employee Manual for the Fire District, the Master Plan and the moving forward with some of the recommendations found in the same.

Chairman Giorgi thanked Administrator Chesner and Angie Williams for their work with this year's budget and the time spent with the 4% Tax Levy Cap requirements. Chairman Giorgi also thanked the District Office staff for their hard work through the year. Chairman Giorgi thanked Chief Constantine for all of his efforts with all of the projects that he and his fellow officers have

been working on during the year and he extended thanks to all the firefighters in our organization.

Commissioner Giorgi thanked his fellow Commissioners for allowing him to be the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Giorgi commended each and every individual commissioner for all that they had done throughout the past year and thanked them for their work on the committees that they serve.

OTHER REMARKS:

After Chairman Giorgi's remarks, each commissioner spoke briefly on the upcoming year as well as speaking about the past year thanking those individuals who helped make it a success.

Solicitor Barron thanked the Board for reappointing him as Solicitor for the Fire District. He made mention of the proposed consolidation of State agencies, one being the Department of Personnel and to be aware of the same. He also made mention of the State Commission of Investigation and their investigation into the purchasing of fire apparatus. Solicitor Barron stated that there may be a written report from the State Commission of Investigation available to the public in the future.

Chief Constantine thanked the commissioners for all of their work and support over the year and their help in keeping Moorestown Fire Department a volunteer department; he also thanked Administrator Chesner for his help over the last year. Chief Constantine gave special thanks to his fellow chief officers present and to all the officers and members in the department.

Administrator Chesner echoed the thoughts of the group and thanked the Board for their support over the year.

On a motion by Commissioner Bixby, seconded by Commissioner Bowman, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred T. Moriuchi
Secretary/Clerk