

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, was held on the above date at Hose Company No. 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Shelley with Commissioners Schlindwein, Schuster, Fisher & Bixby present along with Administrator Chesner, Chief Green, Battalion Chief Witkowski, Solicitor Tom Barron, Captain Thomas and Fire Police Lieutenant Boileau.

Chairman Shelley opened the meeting by reading the following "Public Notice" of this special work session that was published in the Burlington County Times on March 24, 2010 and posted as pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act".

*Notice is hereby given by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Moorestown Township Fire District No. 1, that a Work Session of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Emergency Services Building, 261 West Main Street, Moorestown, New Jersey.*

*The purpose of this Work Session is to discuss benefits and more specifically, the Pay-per-Call Program for volunteer firefighters. No official action will be taken at this meeting.*

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

BUSINESS:

Chairman Shelley made mention that tonight's workshop session is being held to discuss the possibility of implementing a pay-per-call system for the fire district and that no official action would be taken and that members of the Board wouldn't field questions from the public unless it's the desire of the Board to do so.

The Board, Administrator Chesner and Chief Green spoke at length in regards to the pay-per-call program for the Fire District. The general concensus was whatever the Board decides to do with the pay-per-call program it must be aimed to help those hours of the day which attendance is low. The existing night time duty crew was also discussed and the idea of adding additional crews, the possibility of expanding the time that the duty crews cover, increasing the pay for the crews and paying the members as we did in the past rather than place additional monies in their LOSAP account.

The Board discussed the idea that was brought up a year ago concerning placing a fire engine out at Lockheed Martin to be utilized by volunteer firefighters employed by Lockheed to assist with fire calls during the day. The Board asked Administrator Chesner to contact Mr. Jack Grdinich from Lockheed Martin and set up a meeting with Administrator Chesner, Commissioners Fisher and Schlindwein to discuss the possibility of Lockheed's assistance with daytime fire calls utilizing Lockheed Martin's Emergency Response Team.

The Board asked Chief Green and Administrator Chesner to create a survey to be handed out to the membership that would give an idea of member's availability during the day/night and if a pay-per-call program was implemented would that entice the members to respond to additional fire calls.

Chairman Shelley mentioned that he had been trying to contact the Cinnaminson Fire District to see how their pay-per-call program is designed. Captain Thomas advised the Board that he would contact Washington Township and ask about their program and report back to the Board.

Chairman Shelley announced there was a need to meet in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. On a motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein, the work session was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. to enter into an Executive Session.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12), the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving any pending or anticipated litigation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion of such subject matter in the Executive Session can be disclosed to the public at such time as is appropriate without prejudice to the interest of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Moorestown.

On a motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Bixby, the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Schuster, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, the work session reconvened and adjourned at 9:40 p.m. with no official action taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Schuster  
Secretary/Clerk