

MINUTES

The regular 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 Fisher with Commissioners Bowman, Bixby and Shelley present. Also in attendance were Administrator Chesner, Acting Fire Chief Green and Fire Police Lieutenant Boileau.

Chairman Fisher opened the meeting by reading the following "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.

Chairman Fisher announced that tonight's meeting was a budget workshop meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Fisher made mention of the Burlington County Time's news article concerning the proposed parking area behind the Main Street business section located between Mill Street and Chester Avenue. Chairman Fisher would like to see the Board of Fire Commissioners and/or the Chief send a letter showing our concerns and/or interest with the idea. After a brief conversation amongst the Board, it was decided to have Administrator Chesner draft a letter on behalf of the Board and on a recommendation from Commissioner Shelley send the same to the Township Planning Board as well as to the members of council.

Administrator Chesner reviewed the resolutions that would be prepared for the next meeting. They included: appointment of awards committee members, district employee manual revision concerning sick time, amending the salaries of the newly appointed Acting Fire Chief, Acting Asst. Chief and Acting Battalion Chief for Station 312 and authorizing the cancellation of funds in the reserve for capital improvement fund so those monies can be utilized to purchase replacement air packs in 2010.

Administrator Chesner asked for a formal decision concerning premium sharing by the paid employees of the fire district for health benefits. He stated that open enrollment would be closing October 31st and he would like to give ample notice to the employees if they would be

participating in a premium share. Commissioner Shelley made sure that the conversation concerning the premium share was for the full time employees of the district and that a different conversation should take place concerning the elected officials who receive benefits. Commissioner Shelley mentioned that as long as elected officials receive benefits there should be no premium sharing from the full time employees of the fire district. After a brief conversation and a recommendation from the benefits committee, the consensus was that there would be no premium share from the full time employees of the district for 2010.

Treasurer Bowman spoke briefly concerning the salaries for 2010 and the salary for the Acting Volunteer Fire Chief in 2010. Treasurer Bowman is waiting on the cost of living figures; no final salary decisions were made during the meeting.

Commissioner Fisher discussed the Station 312 vehicle that was previously driven by Battalion Chief Poole. A lengthy conversation took place as to whether to keep the vehicle for use by operations, keep the vehicle at the district office for use by administration and the prevention division or sell one of the two Impalas and slim down the support vehicle fleet. The conversation was tabled till the next regular meeting; in the meantime, the vehicle will remain at the district office for the Division of Fire Prevention and Administration to utilize.

PUBLIC SESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fire Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Boileau stated that there should be a time frame as to how long the Board expects to have Chief Green be the Acting Fire Chief and that the Commissioners should consider the possibility for the Division of Fire Prevention to use the Fire Police Unit if they consider selling one of the Impalas. His comments were noted.

On a motion by Commissioner Shelley, seconded by Commissioner Bixby, the regular meeting was recessed at 8:59 p.m. and the 2010 Budget Work Session convened at 9:00 p.m.

Administrator Chesner reviewed the budget documents found in the Commissioner's packets. Included in the packets was an overview of the budget line items, past tax rates, and key areas that the Board will need to look into for the 2010 Budget. Also, he briefly reviewed the current revenues and expenditures to date.

Chairman Fisher wants to review at the first workshop in November the Personal Protective Equipment replacement schedule.

The Board talked at length about the purchase of the new engine in 2010. Treasurer Bowman asked that with the utilization of reserve money to purchase new air packs was this the year to also purchase a new fire engine. Discussion took place concerning the same. Chairman Fisher made mention that the apparatus committee recommended that we move forward with the new vehicle and that bid specifications would begin soon if everyone was in favor. Further discussion will continue at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Board talked in length about the idea of pay-per-call and whether this would be placed in the 2010 Budget. Chairman Fisher and Commissioner Bixby will get together and address any

questions that have been raised concerning the idea and consult the Board Solicitor or outside council that is familiar with labor law.

Chairman Fisher and Commissioner Shelley mentioned that the Board would be receiving a letter from the Squad shortly asking for assistance in helping refurbish their next ambulance in Year 2011. The Board decided to discuss the topic at the next workshop meeting.

Chairman Fisher asked Administrator Chesner to place a blank column next to the 2010 column on the budget worksheet for an area for notes. Administrator Chesner stated that he would also place actual revenues and interest received on the budget worksheet.

On a motion by Commissioner Shelley, seconded by Commissioner Bowman, the 2010 Budget Work Session was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Bixby, seconded by Commissioner Bowman, the regular meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 10:15 p.m. without further official action.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl A. Shelley
Secretary/Clerk