

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 Shelley with Commissioners Fisher, Bixby, Schlindwein & Schuster present. Also in attendance were Administrator Chesner, Chief Green and Fire Police Lt. Jeff Boileau.

Chairman Shelley 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 3, 2011, 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, 2011; filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Moorestown on March 3, 2011; 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 Shelley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag after which he indicated the emergency exits.

Chairman Shelley mentioned that most of the time tonight would deal with the 2012 Budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

BIDS & QUOTATIONS:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Schuster asked the Board to review two items that were discussed during Hose Co.'s Monthly Meeting which he attended. The first was allowing the children of fire department members to ride on the apparatus during the Christmas Parade and the second was the idea of allowing out of town residents to join our fire department.

Chairman Shelley asked for comments concerning the out of town residents joining the department and stated that we would talk about children of family members riding on the apparatus during the parade later in the meeting or table till the next regular Board meeting.

Chairman Shelley also mentioned that during Relief Engine Co.'s meeting, similar questions were raised concerning out of town residents joining the Department.

There was also discussion concerning the time a member can re-join the Department after being removed for lack of participation. The Board asked the membership committee to review this as well as the rules pertaining to Reserve Membership and to have their report ready during the first meeting in January.

Discussion also took place concerning paying duty crew members and filling the sixth duty crew. The assumption in the Department was that a member running multiple duty crews would only be paid for one duty crew. The Board agreed that if no qualified members were available on a waiting list to fill a duty crew spot, a willing member already serving on another duty crew could be assigned to the spot. The member would be paid for his service on both crews.

After a lengthy discussion between the Board members and those in attendance concerning membership and duty crews, Chairman Shelley asked Membership Committee Chairman Schindwein along with the committee and Administrator to draft rules and regulations concerning the items addressed this evening about membership and present them at the first Board meeting in January so a resolution can be drafted for first reading during the regular meeting in January.

#### PUBLIC SESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No comments from the public in attendance.

On a motion by Commissioner Schuster, seconded by Commissioner Schindwein, the 2012 Budget Work Session convened at 7:58 p.m.

During the workshop session Administrator Chesner reviewed the budget and the supporting documents and indicated that the only adjustment made from the last meeting was an increase in the worker compensation line items to cover the premium deposit for Year 2013. The Board also reviewed the amount of money being utilized from unreserved fund balance to balance the budget as well as the capital analysis. Chairman Shelley asked the Administrator to make sure that the \$45,000 figure in the LOSAP line item was sufficient.

Commissioner Fisher informed the Board that the feasibility plan at Relief would be completed by the end of the week by Garrison Architects with the structural analysis of the floor under Engine 3121 excluded till such time that an outside testing agency tests the PSI of the concrete. The Board agreed to move forward with the additional testing at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

On a motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Schuster, the Budget Workshop Session was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened and adjourned without further official action at 8:37 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Schuster, the regular meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 8:37 p.m. without any further action.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Schuster  
Secretary/Clerk