

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, Shelley & Pluckhorn 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.

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A motion to accept the minutes of November 10, 2009 was offered by Commissioner Bixby, seconded by Commissioner Pluckhorn. Commissioner Shelley noticed a typo on the last sentence on page one of the minutes and questioned the portion of the minutes that refers to the Board's decision to allow the Operations Division use of the 2003 Impala in particular the time in which the Board was going to review the status of the vehicle. After a brief discussion the minutes were found to be correct concerning that point. With the correction of the typo in the last sentence on the first page the minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting were approved by the five Board members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Fisher made mention that Commissioner Shelley, Administrator Chesner and himself met this past Monday with Mayor Dan Roccato. Chairman Fisher stated that it was a good meeting and they brought up many issues that concerned the Fire District and touched on subjects that would possibly affect the Fire District in the future. Chairman Fisher mentioned that he wanted everyone to know that none of the conversation was substantive, but many subjects were broached. Mayor Roccato invited Administrator Chesner and other members of the Board to address council at one of their regular meetings in January or February to publicly air our

concerns and our agenda for the future. There will be more to follow concerning the date of the meeting.

Chairman Fisher asked that the members give consideration to their salaries so a resolution could be drafted and sent to Town Council for approval. After a brief discussion, it was decided by all five Board members present to leave the salaries as they were in 2009 with the members of the Board receiving \$2,300 with the exception of the Board Treasurer receiving \$2,500 a year. Administrator Chesner was advised to draft a resolution for the December 8th regular meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fire Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Boileau asked Chairman Fisher if during the meeting with Mayor Roccato the issue of Union Street being changed to a one-way street was mentioned. Chairman Fisher mentioned that Mayor Roccato did receive the letter from Administrator Chesner concerning Union Street and that the issue was still being investigated by council and the traffic division of the police department. Fire Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Boileau also reminded those in attendance about the Christmas Parade and lunch with Santa at Relief Engine Company.

Chairman Fisher mentioned that the dedication of the Squad's Ambulance 3192 would take place following the Christmas Parade scheduled for December 5th.

On a motion by Commissioner Bixby, seconded by Commissioner Shelley, the regular meeting was recessed at 7:47 p.m. and the 2010 Budget Work Session convened at 7:48 p.m.

Administrator Chesner reviewed the budget documents found in the Commissioner's packets and the changes that were made during the last workshop session.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to place \$20,000 in promotions/recruitment and retention line item for the annual district newsletter and for recruitment and retention efforts for 2010. The Board also decided to move the \$80,000 budget figure for the firefighter pay-per-call under operations and giving it its own budget line item or an existing budget line item that hasn't been utilized for sometime. Administrator Chesner mentioned that he will change the district worksheets to reflect the decision.

Discussion took place as to the replacement schedule of vehicles and the placing of money in reserves for future capital outlay for the purchasing of apparatus in the future as well as the Board's commitment to assist the Squad with a portion of their next ambulance refurbishment. It was decided by the Board to place \$50,000 in reserve for future capital outlay. Administrator Chesner stated that he would make the appropriate changes in the budget documents.

Chairman Fisher stated there was a need to meet in Executive Session for salary discussions. On a motion by Commissioner Shelley, seconded by Commissioner Pluckhorn, the workshop session would be adjourned to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and that the regular meeting would be reconvened for the purpose of adjournment only. Motion carried.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13), the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving personnel matters.

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.

The workshop session was adjourned at 8:25 pm and the Executive Session convened at 8:26 pm.

On a motion by Commissioner Pluckhorn, seconded by Commissioner Bowman, the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:05 pm and the regular meeting reconvened and adjourned at 9:06 pm without further official action.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl A. Shelley
Secretary/Clerk