

March 1, 2022

MINUTES

The Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, held on the above date, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fisher with Commissioners Shelley, Schlindwein and Leuliette present. Also present was Administrator Chesner, Battalion Chief Fitzgerald and Steve Raymond from the Law Firm of Raymond Coleman Heinold LLP.

Chairman Fisher opened the meeting by reading the following statement by title only on a motion by Commissioner Leuliette, seconded by Commissioner Shelley.

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 February 24, 2021 and entering the same in the official book of the Fire District in the Municipal Library; emailing written notice to the official newspaper, the Burlington County Times on March 9, 2021, same being published on March 11, 2021, filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Moorestown on March 4, 2021; filing written notice with the Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, 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, and other Social Media Outlets.

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

Chairman Fisher mentioned that Solicitor Doug Heinold was unable to make the meeting and that his partner Steve Raymond would assist with the Oaths of Office.

Chairman Fisher also mentioned that Commissioner Bowman was absent for the meeting.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Chairman Fisher asked Solicitor Raymond to administer the Oath of Office to Re-Elected Commissioner Samuel J. Schlindwein for a three-year term on the Board of Fire Commissioners that ends March 2025.

NOMINATIONS:

Chairman Fisher turned the meeting over to Solicitor Raymond, whom in turn handled the nomination of the Office of Chairman for the fiscal Year March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023. Commissioner Fisher was nominated by a motion from Commissioner Shelley, seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein. There being no further question on the motion for Commissioner Fisher as Chairman, the nominations were closed; the motion for Commissioner Fisher for the Office of Chairman was carried by the four Board members present.

Commissioner Leuliette was nominated for the Office of Vice Chairman by a motion from Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Shelley. There being no question on the

motion, the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the four Board members present.

Commissioner Shelley was nominated for the Office of Treasurer by a motion from Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein. There being no question on the motion, the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the four Board members present.

Commissioner Schlindwein was nominated for the Office of Secretary/Clerk by a motion from Commissioner Leuliette, seconded by Commissioner Shelley. There being no question on the motion, the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the four Board members present.

Commissioner Bowman was nominated for the Office of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer by a motion from Commissioner Leuliette, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. There being no question on the motion, the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the four Board members present.

Solicitor Raymond administered the oaths of office to the four Commissioners present.

Resolution 2022-15 “*Appointment of the Officers of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023*” was introduced confirming the election of officers as a result of the prior motions. A motion was offered by Commissioner Shelley and seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein. There being no question, the resolution was adopted 4-0 on a roll-call vote.

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-16 “*Fixing the Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Making Provisions Relative to Special & Emergency Meetings & Adopting Certain Procedures & Forms for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023*” was offered on a motion by Commissioner Schlindwein and seconded by Commissioner Shelley. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 4-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-17 “*Appointing an Auditor, Solicitor, Insurance Broker, Depository of District Funds, Employee Health and Physician Services and the Official Newspapers of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023*” was offered on a motion by Commissioner Leuliette and seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 4-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-18 “*Public Employee Blanket Bond*” was offered on a motion by Commissioner Schlindwein and seconded by Commissioner Leuliette. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 4-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-19 “*Establishing Fees for Government Records*” was offered on a motion by Commissioner Shelley and seconded by Commissioner Leuliette. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 4-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-20 “*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 Schlindwein and seconded by Commissioner Shelley. There being no questions, the resolution was unanimously adopted 4-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-21 “*Appointing Members to the Awards Committee of the Board of Fire Commissioners*” was offered on a motion by Commissioner Leuliette and seconded by Commissioner Shelley. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 4-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-22 “*Appointment of a Solicitor*” was read by Administrator Chesner and offered on a motion by Commissioner Schlindwein, seconded by Commissioner Shelley. On a roll-call vote, the resolution was adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2022-23 “*Designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer*” was read by Administrator Chesner and offered on a motion by Commissioner Leuliette, seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein. On a roll-call vote, the resolution was adopted 4-0.

REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN:

And so, we begin another year.

As I have been privileged to do for the past several years, I thank you, my fellow commissioners, for honoring me with the gavel. I promise that I will never take your trust for granted.

It occurred to me as I considered my comments for tonight that we have reason to be thankful for several things, not the least of which is the re-election of Sam Schlindwein and Peter Bowman. We have all commented on how well we work together, and how well-suited for the positions we hold. Speaking of the election of just 10 days ago, I’m thankful for the voters’ approval of our budget and the plans that we have for the near future.

I am very thankful for the health of all Commissioners, Staff, and Firefighters as we enter the third year of the Covid-era. Thankful that we have not lost more than a few weeks’ participation by any of our people. Thankful that the pandemic is (hopefully) winding down and we can settle into a “new normal”.

I am thankful for the passion for this work that is shared by all Commissioners, Administrator Chesner and his staff, Fire Official Orsini and his staff, Chiefs Nutt, Thomas, Hall, and Fitzgerald, Line Officers, and Firefighters. As long as we continue to hold this in common, we will be able to give the residents of Moorestown and our neighboring communities the first-class emergency services that they deserve.

My thanks to all of you for your efforts this past year, and I look forward to serving with you this year.

Chairman Fisher reviewed the committee assignments for 2022; Board agreed to the same. The Membership Committee will need to replace two members before their next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Administrator Chesner informed the Board that he had received invoices from Hose Co. for reimbursement per the Antique Policy. Administrator Chesner mentioned that three of the invoices included fuel and registration for the 1967 Mack. Administrator Chesner wanted to confirm with the Board if they considered the invoices in line with the intent of the policy. It was agreed that the invoices should be part of the reimbursement for they are items and supplies that keep the vehicles road ready.

Administrator Chesner stated he would cut a reimbursement check for approval at the March 22nd meeting.

There being no further comments or announcements, on a motion by Commissioner Shelley, seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein, the reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel J. Schlindwein
Secretary/Clerk