

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 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Leuliette with Commissioners Shelley, and Bowman present. Also, in attendance was Administrator Chesner, Chief Nutt and Deputy Chief Chezem.

Vice Chairman Leuliette opened the meeting by reading the following statement by title only on a motion by Commissioner Bowman, 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 March 8, 2023 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 10, 2023. same being published on March 15, 2023, filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Moorestown on March 8, 2023; 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.

Vice Chairman Leuliette led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Following that, Vice Chairman Leuliette identified the emergency exits.

Vice Chairman Leuliette announced that the meeting tonight was posted as a regular meeting, but a good part of the evening would be dealing with the 2024 Budget and the preparation of the same.

Commissioner Schlindwein arrived after the opening statement.

Administrator Chesner noted that there were no bids or quotes to discuss.

RESOLUTIONS:

2023-29 “A Resolution Acknowledging the Review of the 2022 Audit Report by the Individual Members of the Board” was read by the Administrator. There being no comment on the resolution as read a motion was offered by Commissioner Shelley and seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein approving the resolution. On a roll call vote, the four Board members present approved the resolution as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC SESSION:

Public session was opened at 7:07 p.m.; with there being no comment from the public the public session was closed at 7:08 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Schlindwein made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bowman, to enter into an Executive Session and that no official action will be taken. The regular meeting was recessed at 7:09 p.m. to enter into an Executive Session to review the 2024 salaries for the district employees and stipends for the fire officers.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Sections 7 and 8 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 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.

On a motion by Commissioner Shelley, seconded by Commissioner Bowman, the Executive Session was adjourned, and the Board entered the 2024 Budget Work Session at 7:28 p.m.

Administrator Chesner reviewed the updated figures in the 2024 Budget. The following was discussed in more detail during the budget workshop:

- Revenue figures including unrestricted fund balance and interest on investments.
- Retention and Recruitment figures and the plan for 2024
- Update on some of the larger items that may need to be placed on the ballot as a referendum.
- Update on buildings and grounds; rear wall at Station 311 and refinishing Station 312's apparatus floor.
- Operations Budget:
 - Finalized remaining items; including, rescue tools, nozzles and items needed for water rescue. The decision by Operations was not to move forward with purchasing a rescue boat.

Prior to adjourning the workshop session, Commissioner Shelley mentioned that at the next meeting we should discuss increasing the amount we place in restricted funds to cover the increased costs of future apparatus and equipment. The Board agreed.

On a motion by Commissioner Shelley, seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein, the Work Session was adjourned, and the Board re-entered the Regular Meeting at 8:54 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On a motion by Commissioner Shelley, seconded by Commissioner Schlindwein, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel J. Schlindwein
Secretary/Clerk

