

March 30, 2023 Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners

District #3 in the Township of Hanover

County of Morris, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 30, 2023 in accordance with the Public Meeting Act of 1975, Chapter 231. The Board observed a moment of silence for all those who have given their lives in service of their communities and nation.

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Steven Cornine, Mary Lou DeSimone, Gary Keyser, and Shawn Waldron were present. Commissioner Michael Dugan Jr.

Asst. Chief Martin and Mr. James Hark Jr. were also in attendance.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING: Commissioner O'Hare read the following statement of purpose.

This meeting is being held for the purpose of discussing general District business matters and certain personnel matters. Formal action may be taken by the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Hanover Township OEM Director Quirk thanked the Board for the help that the District provided at the Community Center when it was utilized as a shelter for the people displaced by the fire at a Rt. 10 hotel.

RESOLUTIONS: Commissioner DeSimone read Resolution 23-03-30-29 appointing Plosia Cohen as Labor Counsel. Commissioner Cornine made a motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Waldron. All were in favor. Commissioner Dugan Jr. was absent.

Commissioner Keyser asked the Board members to read a packet of material providing an overview on the Consolidation progress to date prior to the April 18 Special Joint Board Meeting. Commissioner Keyser noted that the packets will be available by Monday.

Commissioner Keyser reported that the Board will need to have a discussion on EMS staffing in the Executive Session of the April 6, 2023. Commissioner Keyser noted that the District is in the process of obtaining salary guidelines for the neighboring EMS service providers.

Asst. Chief Martin reported that the District has received an invitation from the Florham Park Fire Department for a member and a guest to attend their Annual

Awards Dinner Dance on April 14th. Asst. Chief Martin reported that he is unable to attend and asked if any of the Board was available. None of the Board members were able to attend. Asst. Chief Martin reported that he would ask the Fire Officers if any of them wanted to attend.

Commissioner DeSimone reported that our District was dispatched to Mountain Lakes on an EMS mutual aid call last week and asked if there were limits on the run card indicating the distance the District would travel to provide Mutual Aid. Asst. Chief Martin reported that the Closest Unit Dispatch (CUD) system does not care what is on the run card but instead uses GPS to locate the closest unit available. Asst. Chief Martin reported that he is attending a meeting about developing a mass casualty program next week where he will be able to speak to the County Communications Representative about the CUD Mutual Aid program. Commissioner Cornine reported that he has already participated in a mass casualty drill and he would discuss it with Asst. Chief Martin prior to his meeting next week. Commissioner Cornine noted that he is a big fan of the CUD system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner DeSimone read Resolution 23-03-30-39 to enter into executive session. Commissioner Waldron made a motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cornine. All were in favor. Commissioner Dugan Jr. was absent.

The Board went into closed session at 7:22 p.m.

Personnel matters were discussed, and action will be taken.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Commissioner Waldron., seconded by Commissioner Cornine, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Commissioner Dugan Jr. was absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Lou DeSimone, Secretary