

**The December 18, 2014 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 7:00 PM on December 18, 2014 in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975, Chapter 231.

**Attendees:** Commissioners Robert Callas, Peter DeNigris, Michael Dugan and Maria Florio

**Absent:** Commissioner Thomas Quirk

Chief Davidson and James Schultz, Department Administrator, were also present.

**Public Participation:** Gary Keyser, representing the Cedar Knolls Firemen's Exempt Association, informed the Board that the confusion regarding the proper title on the deed regarding the parking lot section had been corrected. The deed now correctly reflects the Cedar Knolls Firemen's Exempt Association as the owner of that section. Mr. Keyser had some questions for the Board regarding attorney's fees and who would be paying them. Chairman Dugan said he would look into the matter and clarify who is responsible for what portion of the fees. Mr. Keyser suggested a meeting between a committee of the Board and a committee of the Exempt Association to discuss the parking lot situation going forward. Mr. Keyser also asked that, in the future, when new members join the Fire Department, that their application also have an application attached to it for the New Jersey State Fireman's Association.

**Correspondence:** President John O'Brien brought to the Board's attention two letters that they should have received that inadvertently had not reached the Board yet. The first letter, in a synopsis by Mr. O'Brien, was thanking the Board for their support in collaboration with the painting project of the ambulance bays. The second letter to the Board stated that the Fire Company had reached the decision not to pursue LOSAP and favored staying with the Pay per Call program. The letter also asked for consideration of increasing the budget line for the Pay

per Call program. Chairman Dugan apologized for not having both letters physically available, but did recall them.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Commissioner Florio noted that, on page 2 under old business, there was a sentence that was “hanging” with an unfinished thought that started “Commissioner Quirk reported...”. **Commissioner Florio made a motion, seconded by Commissioner DeNigris, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2014 Regular session, with the deletion of the unfinished thought, all in favor. Commissioner Florio made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Callas to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of December 4, 2014, all in favor.**

**Treasurer’s Report:** Commissioner DeNigris reported that everything should be fine until year end. He noted that line transfers were made as discussed and in coordination with the Board’s auditor. He also noted that the Pay per Call had an increase of 20% for 2014 which was in response to the Company’s request.

**Report of the Chief and Board Committees:**

- **Chief’s Report:** Chief Davidson reported that everything is fine and would give his year-end summary report in the next week or two.
- **Labor Relations:** Commissioner Callas reported that the counter offer was agreed to by the FMBA and currently is being reviewed by the attorney for language clarifications. The Board voted to authorize Chairman Dugan to sign a Memorandum of Understanding once the language is satisfactory and pending the attorney’s approval. **Commissioner Callas made a motion seconded by Commissioner Florio authorizing Chairman Dugan to sign and issue a Memorandum of Understanding with the FMBA pending attorney approval, all in favor.**
- **Building & Grounds** – Chairman Dugan noted that the completion of the ambulance bay painting project, the Day Room painting and the installation of a new floor in the Day Room was finished. The fence has also been installed. Chairman Dugan reported that he spoke to the architect and, due to the fact that there are changes in the proposal, more time will be needed to put together the plan. The architect has suggested a meeting

the first week in January to finalize the plan. The hope is to get the bids out and the project started in early March.

- **Apparatus/Equipment Maintenance** – Ambulance 38 will be going out for checks on some problems that it has had. Preventive maintenance was done on Engine 35, but still needs its pump packing replaced.

There were no other Committee reports.

**Old Business** – There was no Old Business to discuss.

**New Business** – There was no New Business to discuss.

**Resolutions** – Commissioner Callas read **Resolution 14-12-18-55** appointing Career Assistant Chief and Career Chief, Chad DiGiorgio. **A motion was made by Commissioner Florio, seconded by Commissioner DeNigris to adopt the resolution, all in favor.**

Commissioner Callas read **Resolution 14-12-18-56** appointing Robert Lake as Career Captain effective January 1, 2015. **A motion was made by Commissioner DeNigris, seconded by Commissioner Florio to adopt the resolution, all in favor.**

There was no further business to discuss. **A motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner DeNigris, seconded by Commissioner Florio, all in favor.** The Board adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Robert Callas, Secretary

The above minutes were approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners at a Board meeting on January 15, 2015.