

The January 15, 2015 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 January 15, 2015 in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975, Chapter 231.

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

James Schultz, Department Administrator and Assistant Fire Chief Chad DiGiorgio were also present.

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Callas, seconded by Chairman Dugan to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 Special Meeting, all in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner Callas, seconded by Commissioner DeNigris to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting, all in favor with Commissioner Quirk abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner DeNigris reported that the year ended within budget. He also indicated that the State approved the 2015 budget.

Report of the Chief and Board Committees:

- **Chief's Report** – Assistant Chief DiGiorgio reported that he and Chief Davidson have been working on the transition plan and it seems to be going well. He also reported that they have been working on the plan for the replacement individual.
- **Labor Relations** – Commissioner Callas reported that the attorney endorsed the memorandum of understanding and that everything was going forward.

- **Buildings & Grounds** – Chairman Dugan reported that there will be a meeting with the architect next Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Commissioner Florio stated that she would be part of the meeting.
- **Apparatus/Equipment Maintenance** – Assistant Chief DiGiorgio stated that Engine 35 is waiting to have the packing repaired.
- **Website** – Administrator Schultz reported that everything is up to date and all legal requirements have been posted regarding election and budget.

Old Business – Commissioner Quirk stated that he is waiting on a return phone call from Denville on information he requested regarding radio and communications.

New Business - Commissioner Quirk commented that he had received innumerable compliments on the lighted tree outside the firehouse. He suggested consideration of a tree lighting ceremony next Christmas inviting the public to join in and also serving refreshments. Assistant Chief O’Hare noted that the Fire Company had already had a similar thought and idea. There was discussion that both parties could collaborate and make it a nice event.

Resolutions – Commissioner Callas read **Resolution 15-01-15-02** which is a resolution adopting a budgetary corrective action plan. **A motion was made by Commissioner Quirk, seconded by Commissioner Florio to adopt the resolution, all in favor.**

Commissioner Callas also read **Resolution 15-01-15-03** awarding the contract for cleaning services to Employment Horizons. **A motion was made by Commissioner DeNigris, seconded by Commissioner Quirk to adopt the resolution, all in favor.**

Commissioner Callas read **Resolution 15-01-15-04** Agreeing to Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with FMBA Local 109. **A motion was made by Commissioner Quirk to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner Florio to adopt the resolution. The vote was 4 to 1 with Commissioner DeNigris saying no.**

Commissioner Callas read **Resolution 15-01-15-05** authorizing the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel. **A motion was made by Chairman Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Florio to adopt the resolution, all in favor.**

The Board returned from Executive Session and reopened the regular meeting. Chairman Dugan stated that, in Executive Session, there was discussion regarding certain non-CBA employees receiving salary changes/adjustments.

Commissioner Quirk made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Florio, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robert Callas, Secretary

The above minutes were approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners at a Board meeting on February 5, 2015.