

The July 16, 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 July 16, 2015 in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975, Chapter 31.

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

Also in attendance were Chief DiGiorgio and Administrator Schultz.

Chairman Dugan suspended the regular agenda and turned the meeting over to Chief DiGiorgio who conducted the official swearing in of new EMS and Fire members. At the conclusion of the swearing in, the regular agenda resumed.

Public Participation: There was none.

Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Callas, seconded by Commissioner Quirk to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 Meeting, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner DeNigris reviewed the financials and felt that everything is in order. A motion was made by Commissioner Quirk, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to accept the Treasurer's Report, as submitted.

Report of the Chief and Board Committees:

- **Chief's Report:** Chief DiGiorgio reviewed his written report and highlighted a number of activities, meetings and training that the department is involved in. He also touched on some aspects of apparatus and building maintenance.
- **Buildings & Grounds:** Chairman Dugan reported the update on the roof/gutter project. He noted the need for members to observe safety zones and, generally, to raise awareness on the ongoing project. He also noted that steel plates are now placed on the apron coming out of the

Truck 33 bay. There was discussion regarding repair vs. fixing the whole apron and the related costs to do either. There was discussion by the Treasurer of potentially making it a capital project.

- **EMS/Insurance:** Commissioner DeNigris reported that, in conjunction with the Chief and Revenue Guard, they reviewed the records indicating there is about \$85,000.00 outstanding from 2014 through 2015. Revenue Guard was authorized to pursue collection and granted the authority to make deals with patients to go so far as to collect 50%.

Old Business – Commissioner Florio reported that she had attended the Fire Company meeting along with Commissioner Quirk. Points of information included the Annual Dinner Dance which will be on October 2, 2015. Also, Shirley Bergen was elected Recording Secretary and the MAB will be requested for Hanover Township Day.

New Business – Commissioner Quirk reported that he had received many comments that the Department members looked very professional at the fireworks celebration.

Russ Dobson, President of the Fire Company, stated that all Commissioners are invited and encouraged to attend Fire Company meetings. He wanted to clarify a misconception that they could not attend and/or had to leave early. President Dobson clearly stated that is not the case and repeated that they are more than welcome.

At 7:45 PM, **Commissioner DeNigris, seconded by Commissioner Florio, made a motion to go into Executive Session, all in favor.**

Commissioner Callas read **Resolution 15-07-16-64 authorizing the closing of the meeting pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act. A motion was made by Commissioner DeNigris, seconded by Commissioner Florio to adopt the Resolution, all in favor.**

The regular meeting resumed at 8:43 PM. Personnel matters were discussed in closed session. **Commissioner Quirk made a motion, seconded by**

Commissioner Florio, that action will be taken in the form of a letter unless otherwise directed by the Board's attorney, all in favor.

Resolutions – Commissioner Callas read Resolutions 15-07-16-65, 15-07-16-66, 15-07-16-67, 15-07-16-68 accepting the resignations of Adam Klymko, Thomas Laird, Caitlin Brennan, and Patrick Thompson. He also read Resolutions 15-07—16-69, and 15-07-16-70 appointing volunteer members Stefan Schuele and David Holt. A motion was made by Commissioner Quirk, seconded by Commissioner DeNigris to adopt all the resolutions, all in favor.

Commissioner Callas read Resolution 15-07-16-71 authorizing entering into agreement for updating the district website. A motion was made by Commissioner Quirk, seconded by Commissioner DeNigris to adopt the resolution, all in favor.

Commissioner Callas read Resolution 15-07-16-72 paying volunteer incentive. A motion was made by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Florio to adopt the resolution, all in favor.

Commissioner Callas read Resolution 15-07-16-73 supporting James C. Davidson in the matter of Chapter 330 Health Care benefits denial. A motion was made by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Florio to adopt the resolution, all in favor.

There was no other business to discuss. A motion was made by Commissioner Callas, seconded by Commissioner Quirk to adjourn the meeting, 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 August 6, 2015.

