

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 16, 2015

Vice Chairman Howarth called the Meeting to order pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

On Roll call in attendance were: Chairman Vacarino, Commissioner Howarth, Commissioner Campbell, and Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver. Absent: Commissioner Hauss, Commissioner Jones.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth to accept the Minutes from the previous monthly meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Howarth presented the Treasurer's Report.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills in the amount of (\$239,111.61). The Motion passed unanimously.

No Chief/Training Report:

Chairman Vacarino presented the Fire Marshal's Report. Total inspections for year: 27, 17 Initial inspections, 8 re-inspections and 2 cooking suppression inspections. Life Hazard fees from the State of NJ as of today total \$15,802.16 (1st, 2nd, & 3rd quarter).

Fire Investigations year to date: Dwelling Fire: 647 Topeka Ave., Structures: 4, Misc. Reports: 2, Vehicle Reports: 1.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth to accept the Fire Marshal's Report. The Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Vacarino presented the Building Maintenance Report. Jackson Rd. Station: grass was cut, storm damaged roof was repaired, items that could be saved from the Union Ave. Station was moved over to Jackson Rd. Station.

He stated that Firefighter Layton stated in his report that on June 23, 2015 the Union Ave. Station suffered major loss to the building, thankfully no one was hurt, there were 10 guys in the Station when it happened. He stated that as heartbreaking as it was to see everything destroyed, the members still pulled together and handled 70+ calls in a 24-hour period. He stated that he would like to thank everyone for their help with cleaning out our supplies and equipment and trying to salvage as much as we could. The new roof is already on and an inventory of all equipment, desks, TVs and everything has been

listed for insurance purposes. He stated that the Office Trailer and Bunk Trailer are working out well.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth to accept the Building Maintenance Report. The Motion passed unanimously.

No Vehicle Maintenance Report.

No Solicitor Report.

In reference to the work on the Union Ave. Station; Chairman Vacarino stated that the glue, not the tiles, tested positive for asbestos through out the Station, the contractors are abating it now. He presented the floor plan for the renovations to be done to the Station. He stated that the guys would like to enlarge the kitchen and change Nicks, Dan and Shawn's office locations.

Chairman Vacarino placed a phone conference call to Ziggy, the head contractor from All Risk. He informed him that the meeting was being taped. Ziggy explained what had been done to the Station to date. He stated that they are going to have a Mechanical Engineer come out and check the HVAC and Electrical Systems then give us a report as to whether any of the systems have been so damaged that it must be replaced. He stated that he is having Engineered plans prepared to present to the Construction Official for plan review and to get permits issued. He stated that most Inspectors work with them so that they can get started as soon as possible. He stated that an air quality control test would be performed on the building to make sure it is safe for employees to return. It will probably take about 4-6 weeks to get the drawings prepared.

The meeting was opened to the Public.

There being no comments the Public Portion of the Meeting was closed on Motion by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth. Motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Susan Weaver, Secretary, Mantua Twp. Fire District