

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 17, 2015

Chairman Vacarino 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 Hauss, Commissioner Jones, and Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver. Absent: Commissioner Campbell

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

Commissioner Jones read Resolution #2015-17 Discussion of Personnel Matters.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hauss, second by Commissioner Howarth to accept Resolution #2015-17 Discussion of Personnel Matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Howarth, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills in the amount of (\$14,292.18). The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss presented a Thank You Card from the family that had the sleep over where one of the girls passed away.

Commissioner Jones read the note into the record; the family thanked the members for their professionalism and their caring and thoughtful treatment of the family during their time of need.

Commissioner Jones presented the Fire Marshal's Report. Total inspections for year: 21, Initial Inspections, 14 re-inspections and 3 cooking suppression inspections. Life Hazard fees from the State of NJ as of today total \$19,371.31, Non-Life Hazard Fees Collected \$320.00.

Fire Marshal Lamana reported that he turned all information collected for FEMA reimbursement to Chief Hauss.

Fire Investigations year to date: Dwelling Fire: Structures: 5, Misc. Reports: 3, Vehicle Reports: 1.

Fire Marshal Lamana thanked the Commissioners for the flowers that were sent for the birth of his son, Anthony.

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

Firefighter Layton presented the Building Maintenance Report: Grass cut and mums placed around both Stations, information gathered and turned into FEMA, light bulbs changed at each Station, reported the leak in roof over bathrooms, installed fence behind Station, inventory lists were mailed to Commissioner Hauss for insurance claim, drawings were picked up by All-Risk for final approval. He stated that they need to come up with something other than the garden hose to run to the bathrooms before the weather gets colder and it freezes. He stated that the Independent Association of Mantua Firefighters made a donation to the victims of the Fire at 33 Hollybrook Dr.

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

Chairman Vacarino stated that All Risk is going to get the drawings to the Township for permits and will address the bathrooms so that they are working for the Election.

Chief Brian Hauss stated that fit-tests and physicals are scheduled for 9/29/15 at 5:00. He stated that he wanted to recognize Firefighter Dan Hauss for all the work he did on the new truck, excellent job. He stated that Firefighter Shawn Layton would be recognized with the Gloucester County Firefighter of the year on 10/13/15 at the American Legion Hall in Harrison Township at 6:00 pm.

Chief Brian Hauss stated that they will receive \$9,000.00 from FEMA for clean up costs and volume of hours. He stated that we had a power outage and he didn't get a chance to reset the wifi so he doesn't have a statistical report.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Howarth, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the Chief/Training Report. The Motion passed unanimously.

Firefighter D. Hauss presented the Vehicle Maintenance Report: 2213 two leaking valves replaced, 2213 1 ground light repaired, 2212 1 leaking valve replaced, 2218 repaired quartz light, 2211 inspection visit 3 weeks ago and will be visiting KME on 9/22/15 for further evaluation. He stated that he would like to apply for a grant for air packs and cylinders with Glassboro as a shared service. Firefighter D. Hauss submitted 3 quotes for a new scan tool.

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

The meeting was opened to the Public.

Ken Defay, 456 Pitman Rd. questioned the cost of the scanner tool.

Firefighter D. Hauss stated the cost is \$3,499.00.

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

A Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Howarth to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters at 7:35 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

The Meeting was reopened to the Public at 8:25 PM. The discussion centered on the services provided by our Finance Officer. She has requested a meeting with the Commissioners and it will be set up for one of the October Meeting dates.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Susan Weaver,
Secretary Mantua Twp. Fire District