

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 20, 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, Commissioner Campbell and Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver. Absent: None

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

Commissioner Hauss 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 (\$23,143.16). The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Chief/Training Report: Total dispatches: 52, 4 structures, 7 MVCs, 17 Alarm Systems, 0 Vehicle Fire, 4 Mutual Aid, 3 Brush, 3 CO/fumes, 3 EMS Assists, 11 Incidental. 2 Working Fires, 0 Extrications, 43 Station Responses, 9 Duty Crew Response. First Arriving Unit Average Response Time: 5 Minutes, 16 Seconds. Average number of personnel responding: 7 Daytime Assignments, 9 Nighttime Assignments.

Member Recognition: There were sixteen dedicated members who responded and assisted throughout the major storm of June 23, 2015 and following clean up: Shawn Layton, Victor Torino, Kevin Gill, Joseph Hauss, Dan Hauss, Brian Hoagland, John Kustner, Nic Lamana, Ryan Nahas, Mike Nahas, Mike Mercer, Matt Mercer, Brian Thompson, Matt Luzzi and Matt Heston.

Officer Percentages for June: B. Hauss 46.51%, J. Hauss 23.25%, N. Lamana 39.53% and V. Torino 67.44 %.

Jeremy Beckett and Matt Dubeau have resigned as members, we have a new member, Cole Devone.

The Chief went to KME on 8/19/15 to check on the progress of the new truck. It should be completed within 6 weeks.

Commissioner Jones presented the Fire Marshal's Report. Total inspections for year: 64, 39 Initial inspections, 11 re-inspections and 14 cooking suppression inspections. Life Hazard fees from the State of NJ as of today total \$19,371.31, Non-Life Hazard Fees Collected \$4,525.00.

Fire Marshal Lamana reported that he met with Chief Hauss, NJ State Police, OEM and FEMA for assistance on how to properly fill out the reports to submit to the County and FEMA for reimbursement of manpower hours, equipment, fuel and apparatus used and possibly building damage during the June 23, 2015 storm.

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

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

Firefighter D. Hauss presented the Vehicle Maintenance Report: 2203 air bag recall performed, 2211 inspection performed at KME, the cab is built and functional, there are some wiring issues that they will fix. Equipment Maintenance: 2 vent saws repaired and Scba getting flow tested next week.

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

Chairman Vacarino stated the power washing was done on the Union Ave. Station, it was decided that it needs painting.

Commissioner Hauss stated that they met with FEMA and they stated that if the value of fixing the Station is more than 50% of the value of the building, they may give us money to knock down the building and rebuild a new one. He stated that they need the figures from All Risk on the construction costs. There was a discussion on the above.

Commissioner Hauss stated that we should get \$40,000.00 reimbursement from FEMA for the man-hours and equipment used during the June storm.

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

Commissioner Jones stated that he would send a email to the Township Administrator and Mayor as to the performance of our Finance Officer. He stated that he would send a letter of intent to the Finance Officer.

Commissioner Hauss stated that the Solicitor submitted the letter from Mrs. Mercer to our Insurance Company to handle.

The meeting was opened to the Public.

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Susan Weaver,
Secretary Mantua Twp. Fire District