

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 15, 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: Commissioner Howarth, Commissioner Hauss, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Campbell and Absent: Chairman Vacarino, Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth 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 Jones to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills in the amount of (\$2,655.19). The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss stated that he sent budget info to our Accountant to get the process started for the 2016 Budget. He stated that he added another firefighter and possible administrator into the figures. He stated that he is going to meet next Thursday with the Solicitor to go over budget items. He asked the Commissioners to submit to him any ideas they may have to include in the Budget.

Commissioner Jones presented the Fire Marshal's Report. Total inspections for year: 23, Initial Inspections, 9 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 reported that Fire Prevention programs were presented at the schools. Chick Fila donated baskets and the "Fire Cow" visited the schools for the presentations.

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

Fire Investigations year to date: 1 Dwelling Fire, Commercial Equipment Fire, Structures Reports: 6, Misc. Reports: 4, Vehicle Reports: 1.

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: He stated that he went over the electrical outlets on the plans for the E. Union Ave. Station and added in more for the offices and meeting rooms. They plans only have enough outlets to meet code, we had more in the Station originally. He stated that he also added communication points. He stated that he went over the carpets and tile floors with the contractor. He stated that he got prices for awnings over doors.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hauss, second by Commissioner Campbell to purchase awnings for the doors at E. Union Ave. Station for \$5,066.00. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hauss, second by Commissioner Campbell to purchase carpeting for Jackson Rd. Station for \$1,725.00. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Campbell to upgrade the lights to LED in the E. Union Ave. Station. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

No Chief Report.

No Vehicle Maintenance Report.

Commissioner Hauss presented a proposal to lease-purchase a new vehicle for the Chief. A discussion followed.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hauss, second by Commissioner Campbell to lease-purchase a new vehicle (Explorer) for the Chief for \$29,000.00. We have to have a Special Meeting to purchase the Explorer.

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 Howarth. Motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Susan Weaver,
Secretary Mantua Twp. Fire District