

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 19, 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 Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver. Absent: None.

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

Commissioner Jones presented Resolution #2015-20 Closed Session-Discussion of Personnel.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Howarth, second by Commissioner Campbell to adopt Resolution #2015-20. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones read the Budget Message into the record: The 2016 Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$1,111,082, which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$1,046,082, and Total Appropriations of \$1,111,082. The amount to be raised by Taxation increases \$95,179 or 10% to \$1,046,082. The tax rate increases from \$.072 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$.0784.

Commissioner Jones presented Resolution #2015-21, Introduction of 2016 Fire District Budget.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Howarth, second by Commissioner Campbell to adopt Resolution #2015-21. Motion carried on roll call vote, all yes.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report. Cash balance as of 8/31/15: General Account: \$604,836.85, Mutual Fund: \$345,606.58, CD-2: \$105,116.94, Main St. Station \$101,978.75. Totals: \$1,157,539.12.

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 (\$5,953.44). The Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hauss presented the Chief Report: Call Log: October 2015 total dispatches: 51. Structures: 3, MVC's: 3, Alarm Systems: 11, Vehicle Fire: 2, Mutual Aid: 1, Brush: 2, CO/fumes: 4, EMS Assist: 6, Incidental: 19.

Working Fires:3, Extrications:1, AM:31, PM: 20, Station Response:43, Duty Crew Response: 8. First arriving unit average response time: 4 minutes, 3 seconds. Average number of personnel responding: daytime: 7, nighttime: 10.

Officer percentages for Month of October: B. Hauss: 67.44%, J. Hauss: 30.23%, n. Lamana: 58.13%, V. Torino: 60.47%.

He stated that he would like to recognize Firefighter D. Hauss for all of his work on the new truck and to all of the members that are faithful and are still responding.

All physicals were completed, only three members failed to get them done. Letters of intent will be sent to them and they will be suspended if they fail to get them done in the beginning of 2016. Training bills have been submitted. All NFIRs are up to date and reporting system is working without any issues.

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

No Fire Marshal Report.

Firefighter Layton presented the Building Maintenance Report: He stated that the outside of the E. Union Ave. Station is almost done and LED lights are being ordered. He stated that the guy came to install the hood system today. He stated that he got an estimated price (\$10, 000.00) to install three doors at the Jackson Road Station.

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

Firefighter D. Hauss presented the Vehicle Maintenance Report. He stated that he has spent most of his time working on the new truck.

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

No Solicitor Report.

Commissioner Hauss stated that the Chief put together some prices for new lockers. He stated that they would like to install 10 full lockers in the room. He estimates the costs of \$4,500.00. He stated that he would get the three quotes for the next meeting.

Commissioner Hauss stated that the Chief and Vehicle Maintenance did a great job with the new truck.

The Chief stated that they had a committee that helped and had input on the design of the truck.

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.

Telephone conference call with Ziggy, from All-Risk Insurance. He stated that they had to deliver electrical calculations to the township for the permit. The building and plumbing permits were approved. He stated that they have to finish up the bunkroom and sprinkler system. The rough electric and plumbing should be ready for inspection next week. He stated that the appliance allowance has not been approved yet. He stated that they should be working on the dry wall, as long as they get the permits, by the beginning of December.

A Motion was made to go into Closed Session by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Howarth. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Closed Session centered on a discussion on working with the Finance Officer. There still seems to be some late payments of bills. The Communication seems to have improved with increased emails; it will be readdressed after Reorganization in 2016.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Susan Weaver,
Secretary, Mantua Twp. Fire District