

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

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

Commissioner Jones presented Resolution #2015-22, 2016 Adopted Budget Resolution.

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.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Howarth, second by Commissioner Campbell to adopt Resolution #2015-22. Adopted on Roll Call Vote: 4 yes, 1 absent.

Commissioner Jones presented Resolution #2015-23, Transferring Appropriations of different line items in the 2015 Budget in the amount of \$45,300.00.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth to adopt Resolution #2015-23. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Howarth presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that there were large payments made for Health Benefits \$49,913.59 and Insurance payment of \$8,631.70.

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 (\$73,562.06). The Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hauss presented the Chief Report: He stated that they are the 4<sup>th</sup> busiest Station in Gloucester County. The Christmas Party will be at the Bowling Alley in Glassboro. He stated that there would be CPR training on February 1,2 and the 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

Commissioner Jones presented the Fire Marshal Report: Inspections for the year: 398, Initial Inspections: 252 (12 initial inspections left for the year) Re-inspections: 106, Cooking Suppression: 36 and Complaints: 4.

Fire Registration fees: Non-Life Hazard: \$4,705.00, Life Hazard: \$19,371.31, Total \$24,076.31.

He stated that he had been reappointed as a Deputy to Mantua Township's OEM for three years and he recommended Dan Hauss who also was appointed for a three-year term. The Township realized that they needed more manpower after the last storm.

Fire Investigations: Civilian Burn, 12/05/16, 675 Bridgeton Pike, Building Fire, 12/14/16, 245 Bridgeton Pike. 2015 Investigations Year to Date: Structure Reports: 7, Misc. Reports: 6, Vehicle Reports: 1.

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

Firefighter Layton presented the Building Maintenance Report: Union Ave. Station: he stated that he repaired the plumbing back up in the bunk trailer, the painting on the doors is done, plumbing, electric and framing passed inspection. He stated that tile is coming in next week, new light bulbs installed in the engine bay, leaves were raked, Christmas lights put up. Jackson Rd. Station: Upstairs carpet and trim almost done, leaves raked. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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 finished mounting all equipment on 2211, contacted KME about fuel leak on 2211, striped 2211, car 22 re-striped after getting painted, new high lift low pressure air bags have been delivered and placed on 2211 in coffin compartment, 10 new pagers purchased, awaiting quote to purchase 10 new radios and 2 new mobiles for 700 mhz system. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

No Solicitor Report.

There was a discussion on the Communication System bids. Chairman Vacarino stated that there was a mix-up with our guy and the prevailing wage issue. He stated that he will submit his paperwork to the State to get everything in order.

Commissioner Howarth made a Motion to install LED lights for up to \$2,600.00, second by Commissioner Campbell. Motion failed, 2 yes, 2 no.

Chairman Vacarino stated he would talk to the Insurance Adjustors to include the LED lights in their scope of work.

Commissioner Howarth made a Motion to pay Edmunds (\$3,308.00) for our Accounting Software, second by Commissioner Campbell. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was opened to the Public.

The Chief stated that a State Trooper, Eli McCarson, from Mantua, died in a car accident today while responding to a call. He was a friend he went to High School with. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The Public Portion of the Meeting was closed on Motion by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Howarth. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Safe New Year.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Susan Weaver,  
Secretary, Mantua Twp. Fire District