

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Work Session Meeting
July 2, 2020

Chairman K. Howarth called the meeting to order pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Commissioners and Attendees Saluted the Flag

Roll Call:

In attendance were: Chairman K. Howarth, Commissioner J. Hauss, Commissioner C. Jones, Commissioner N. Vacarino, and Chief/Administrator and Recording Secretary B. Hauss

Tardy: Commissioner L. Campbell

Consideration of Minutes from Previous Work Session:

A Motion was made by Commissioner L. Campbell to approve the Minutes from the previous Work Session Meeting. Second by Commissioner J. Hauss, motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions, Bids:

Chief B. Hauss read resolution 2020-21 Authorizing the purchase of Turnout Gear. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Commissioner L. Campbell, second by Commissioner J. Hauss. Chairman K. Howarth called for a roll call vote. Motion passed on roll call, five (5) yes.

Treasurer's Report:

Chief B. Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

Chief B. Hauss stated that there were 25 purchase orders totaling \$74,349.74 and the purchases over \$1,000.00 were for \$7,029.90 to Spectrum Communications for a Slide Out Tray, \$34,794.00 to Winner Ford for a F-150, \$1,171.22 to Atlantic City Electric and \$2,682.95 to Metropolitan Communications for Minitor VI pagers, as well as, \$12,072.49 and \$12,822.98 to payroll on June 22nd and June 30th respectively.

A Motion was made by Commissioner L. Campbell to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (\$74,349.74). Second by Commissioner N. Vacarino, motion passed unanimously.

Solicitors Report:

Chief B. Hauss spoke about the submission of petitions for the position of Fire District Commissioner. The petitions must be completed and turned into the Gloucester County Clerk by July 27th.

New Business:

There is no new business

Old Business:

Chairman K. Howarth asked about the status of the New Mechanic Building. Chief B. Hauss stated that an election needs to be held to bring in the money for the project for the 2021 budget. It was determined to send out the notices and hold the meeting on August 6th.

Chairman K. Howarth then asked about the status of the Solar project at Union Avenue. Chief B. Hauss stated that the interconnection process is underway and waiting for that to be completed by Atlantic City Electric.

Open to Public:

Commissioner L. Campbell motioned to open the Meeting to the Public. Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Ann Piccioni of 476 Center Street was in attendance questioning the property at 721 Main Street. Mrs. Piccioni was upset about the lights that were on the property and the concrete blocks that surrounded the property and since have been removed. Mrs. Piccioni was advised by Chairman Howarth and Chief B. Hauss that Orbit Energy was asked on numerous occasions to shut off the lights and remove the concrete barriers to no prevail. When the Township Code Enforcement Officer finally cited Orbit Energy, Commissioner N. Vacarino spoke with the tenant and informed him that if the barriers weren't removed and lights were not shut off, then the lease would be voided. At that point the changes were made.

Mrs. Piccioni then questioned about the possibility of Orbit Energy installing a fence on the property, and that it would not be legal to install a fence. Chairman K. Howarth informed Ms. Piccioni that a fence can be legally installed in the rear of the property. Commissioner J. Hauss then questioned Mrs. Piccioni why she did not want the fence installed. Mrs. Piccioni then became extremely heated about her opinion, at which time, her time to speak was concluded.

At that time, Mr. Frank Venuto of 475 Center Street came into the meeting and began asking the same questions as Mrs. Piccioni. Mr. Venuto was advised of the same answers, and that we also agreed with his concerns about the lights and concrete barriers. Mr. Venuto was further advised of our changes made to the property. Mr. Venuto was

satisfied with the answers that the board of fire commissioners advised Mrs. Piccioni and ended his comments.

There being no comments from the public a motion by Commissioner L. Campbell to close the Public Portion of the Meeting. Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn:

Commissioner L. Campbell made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Hauss". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Hauss, District Chief/Administrator