

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Work Session Meeting
July 6, 2017

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

In Attendance were: Chairman Howarth, Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Hauss, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Vacarino and Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver. Absent: None

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

Commissioner Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hauss stated that the payments over \$1,000.00 in this bill pay were the payments for Radios, \$2,656.00, Uniforms, \$2,196.54 and Fire Marshal Vehicle Equip \$1,392.24.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (\$15,171.10). Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Vacarino stated that the Solicitor wants to come to a Meeting to discuss changes so they would have to pick a meeting date.

Chief Hauss stated that we are trying to get quotes on replacing antennas at the Union Ave. Station. He stated that they are having trouble with the doors opening remotely.

Chief Hauss presented the Chief/Training Report:

May 2017:

- Total Dispatches: 48
- Structure: 3
- MVCs: 11
- Alarms Systems: 8
- Vehicle fires: 0
- Mutual aid: 4
- Brush: 2
- CO/fumes: 4
- EMS Assists: 5
- Incidental: 11

Working Fires: 2

Extrication: 1

Station Response: 38

Duty Crew Response: 10

First Arriving Unit Average Response Time: 4 Minutes, 16 Seconds

Average number of personnel responding – Daytime Assignments: 7

Nighttime Assignments: 11

Member Recognition: Crews who responded to Mantua Jewelers Fire. Quick response saved a long time business, holding the fire to just the rear of the building. The business was open the next day.

Officer Percentages for the Month of March:

B. Hauss: 70.27% J. Hauss: 29.72% N. Lamana: 08.10%

V. Torino: 62.16% D. Hauss: 60.16% C. Devone: 10.81%

Four new Junior Members have joined; Mike Dalfonso, 17, Justin Marchuk 17, Brandon Stackhouse, 17 and Michael McHenry, 16.

Cole Dyar, Tyler Landon and Joe Ditullio have all graduated Firefighter 1. Andrew Glaser and Mike Dalfonso have been enrolled in Firefighter 1 Fall program at Camden County.

NFIRS reports are up to date and monthly, yearly percentages are attached.

Lt. D. Hauss and the Chief have completed Instructor Level 2, which is the highest level.

The new work schedule is complete for the month of July.

The Fire Marshal's report for June, 2017 was submitted but was not read into the record.

Commissioner Howarth stated that the trucks and members looked good in the Pitman Parade.

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

Commissioner Vacarino stated that he is working on the specs for the Jackson Rd. Station.

Chairman Howarth opened the Meeting to the Public.

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

Commissioner Jones congratulated Cole Dyar, Tyler Landon and Joe Ditullio for graduating the Firefighter 1 Course.

Commissioner Jones presented Resolution #2017-27, Closing of Meeting to discuss Personnel Matters.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Hauss to adopt Resolution #2017-27. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM to go into Closed Session.

The Commissioners came out of Closed Session. The discussion centered on moving away from the Township for Financial Services and Creating a part-time paid position of Chief/Administrator for \$25.00 per hour not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year.

Commissioner Jones felt that with the Department growing and the day-to-day operations increasing this position is needed and it would combine two services.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, second by Chairman Howarth to hire Brian Hauss to the position of Chief/Administrator for \$25.00 per hour not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year. Motion did not pass, Jones, Howarth; yes, Vacarino, Campbell: no, (due to the \$25,000.00 cost). Hauss: abstain.

The Meeting was adjourned.



Susan Weaver,
Secretary, Mantua Township Fire District