



Mantua Township Fire District #1  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Minutes of Work Session Meeting  
October 5, 2017

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 N. Vacarino, Commissioner C. Jones, Commissioner J. Hauss, Chief/Administrator and Recording Secretary, Brian Hauss.

Absent: Commissioner L. Campbell

Consideration of Minutes from Previous Work Session:

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

Resolutions, Bids:

There were no Resolutions or Bids for this meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner J. Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner J. Hauss stated that there were 40 purchase orders totaling \$11,312.63 the payments over \$1,000.00 in this bill pay were for \$4,330.00 to Interstate Mobile Care for Physicals and Fit Testing, and Atlantic City Electric was \$866.00 for Union Avenue.

A Motion was made by Commissioner C. Jones to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (\$11,312.63). Second by Commissioner N. Vacarino, motion passed unanimously.

Solicitors Report:

Commissioners C. Jones and J. Hauss had nothing to report. Commissioner N. Vacarino is discussing with the Solicitor regarding a conference call, regarding legislation in the state. Most likely a meeting in November.

### New Business:

There was a discussion regarding a problem with the antennas and receivers for the Garage Doors at Union Avenue. Chief B. Hauss presented a proposal from Elmer Door for \$1,430.00 to make the necessary repairs and antenna kits for all the garage doors. The proposal, which is attached, has a note that the price is only good if old receivers can connect to coaxial cables.

A motion was made by Commissioner J. Hauss to pay \$1,430.00 to Elmer Door for the installation of 3-412 HM Receivers, 4-Coaxial Antenna Kits and 3-Transmitters if the price remains as originally quoted. Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

The Chief then discussed a request to purchase a Nest Thermostat that can be controlled by the administrator's standards, via WIFI. Commissioner C. Jones motioned to spend approximately \$300.00 to purchase the Nest Thermostat System, to be controlled by Fire District Administration. Second by Commissioner J. Hauss, motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

Chief B. Hauss spoke in length about the Solar companies that he has met with. He met with both True Energy and Momentum Energy. Momentum Energy came to both Firehouses to check both sites and True Energy has looked at the sites via Google Earth.

He informed that both Solar Companies advised that they can work in the installation of a new roof at the Jackson Road Station to the cost of the Solar installation, which would remove any further discussion about going out to bid to install a new roof.

A further discussion regarding outright purchase of the solar panels and or a leasing agreement, was ended with the chief advising that both True Energy and Momentum Energy would attend the Regular Commission Meeting at Union Avenue Station on Thursday, October 19, 2017 to provide a presentation of our options.

All further discussion regarding Solar installation has been tabled until after the Solar Company presentation on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the Solar Discussion, there was no further discussion regarding the Roof. Commissioner N. Vacarino commented on the work of the repairs at Jackson Road, and was very happy with the work of the crew.

Chairman K. Howarth read a card sent to the Fire District from the Vacarino Family, thanking the Fire District for the flowers sent to his home after the passing of Commissioner Vacarino's father.

Chief B. Hauss then read a letter from Chairman Michael White of the Deptford Township Fire District regarding Response to Fire Calls in Deptford Fire District No. 1. The letter was about an issue where the Deptford Fire Department was requesting assistance that was not responding, and the Mantua Township Fire District attempted to provide the assistance and offered services over Gloucester County Fire Channel 1 to the incident commander at a Fire in the Oak Valley Section of Deptford Township. The Incident Commander who has personal feelings against the Mantua Township Fire District denied the services, and then this letter was issued stating that offering of services over the radio can cause confusion to the incident commander, and requested that the Mantua Township Fire District only respond into Deptford Township when requested.

Open to Public:

Chairman K. Howarth opened the Meeting to the Public.

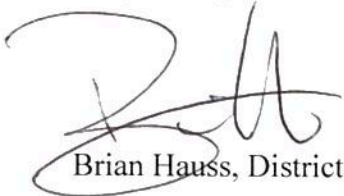
There being no comments a motion by Commissioner J. Hauss to close the Public Portion of the Meeting. Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn:

Commissioner J. Hauss made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1943 hours

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Hauss, District Chief

