

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 20, 2014

The Meeting was called to order pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act by Chairman Vacarino.

All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

On Roll call in attendance were: Chairman Vacarino, Commissioner Howarth, Commissioner Hauss, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Jones and Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver. Absent: None

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

Chairman Vacarino swore in Matthew Heston to the position of Deputy Chief of the Mantua Township Fire Department.

The Commissioners, family and friends congratulated Matt on his appointment.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

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 (\$15,482.92).

Chief Hauss presented the Chief/Training Report.

Chief Hauss stated that Rob Sheppherd resigned from the Department and Alan Hurff dropped out of Fire School and will reimburse the District the cost of the class.

The Chief reported that the total dispatches for February, 2014 was 35. There were 7 working fires, 1 extrications, 33 station responses, 2 duty crew responses. First arriving unit average response time: 6 minutes, 7 seconds. Average number of personnel responding: 10.

The Chief stated mandatory training is complete, next years mandatory training will be completed by JIF and we should get an insurance break from JIF. Training requests are in and approved for a total of \$3,340.00.

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

Commissioner Jones presented the Fire Marshal's Report. Business Inspections to date: 36. The Casual Help schedule was completed. The Fire Marshal attended Emergency Management meeting concerning the closing of Tylers Mill Road and how it would affect the response of fire apparatus.

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

Firefighter Layton presented the Building Maintenance Report. Maintenance and cleaning was done at both Stations, plowing was done, gutters were installed at E. Union Ave. Station, leaks have stopped. Training and events at the Station were: CPR Training, Ice Rescue x2 and Table Top Training.

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

Firefighter D. Hauss presented the Vehicle Maintenance Report. Regular maintenance performed on all vehicles and repairs were made to 18. He stated that he had generated a bill for the repairs that were performed on the Mantua Township Police vehicles.

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

There was no Solicitor's Report.

Chairman Vacarino thanked everyone for their support of the Budget and their votes at the Election. He congratulated Matt Heston on his appointment this evening. He stated that he had a Realtor look at the Jackson Rd. Station

and that we are going to have to come up with a way to divide the utility payments with a tenant for the building.

Commissioner Jones thanked everyone for their support of the Budget at the Election and congratulated Matt Heston on his new position with the Department.

Commissioner Hauss stated that he would like to look into getting a utility vehicle to transport people. There was a discussion on the vehicle.

Commissioner Hauss stated that we could lease a copier/fax/printer from Tri State Office Solutions for \$230.00 per month for the E. Union Ave. Station.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Howarth, second by Commissioner Campbell to lease copier/fax/printer from Tri State Office Solutions for \$230.00 per month. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Howarth thanked everyone for their support of the Budget at the Election.

Commissioner Campbell stated that he spoke with the Zoning Officer and was told we may have to get a variance to rent out space at the Jackson Road Station because it is in a Residential Zone.

Commissioner Howarth stated that he looked over the solar proposal and it seems the investors are making the money, they bill you for more energy than what you actually use.

Commissioner Hauss stated that he would like to fix the front of the Jackson Rd. Station, fix the bricks and stucco the front of the building.

The meeting was opened to the Public.

There being no comments the Public Portion of the Meeting was closed on Motion by Commissioner Howarth , second by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Susan Weaver, Secretary

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