

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 17, 2014

The Meeting was called to order pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act by Treasurer Hauss.

All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

On Roll call in attendance were: Commissioner Hauss, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Jones Absent: Chairman Vacarino, Commissioner Howarth and Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver.

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

Commissioner Hauss stated that he has three bids for the pick-up truck; F-150 extended cab for 25,000.00, F-250 8' bed for \$22,675.00, and a utility truck for \$31,000.00. He stated that he talked with the Chief and staff and they felt we should buy the F-250 for \$22,675.00.

Commissioner Howarth made a Motion to lease purchase the F-250 truck for \$22,675.00 through Ford Motor Company, second by Commissioner Campbell. Motion passed unanimously.

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 (\$15,173.30).

Commissioner Jones presented the Chief/Training Report.

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

The Chief stated that Daniel Hauss has been nominated for Mantua Township VFW Firefighter of the Year for 2014. The Ceremony is April 26, 2014 at 1800 hours at Mantua VFW.

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

Commissioner Howarth presented the Fire Marshal's Report. Business Inspections to date: 62. All pre-plans are being updated with the help of Matt Heston so that they can be loaded on the smart phones. He stated that he has again submitted a proposal to the Township to review and pass a Knox Box Ordinance for all businesses in town to have keys for entry by the Fire Department. The Casual Help schedule was completed.

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, grout work was done in the foyer of E. Union Ave., and work was done on the second floor at the Jackson Rd. Station. He stated he has gotten bids on gutters and ice machines.

Commissioner Howarth made a Motion to get the gutters repaired at the Jackson Rd. Station for \$350.00, second by Commissioner Campbell. Motion passed unanimously.

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 the front end of Matt's car, installed new running boards on 22-17, hose bed cover was sent out for repairs, and that he had generated a bill for \$3,000.00 for the repairs that were performed on the Mantua Township Police vehicles.

Commissioner Jones stated that he would get together with Firefighter Hauss to come up with a proposal to submit to Wenonah to work on their 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.

Commissioner Hauss stated that they found a guy to tar the parking lot who may even do it at cost.

The meeting was opened to the Public.

Sid Marks asked questions about the Jackson Rd. Station lot and the need for drainage. There was a discussion on the lot.

Firefighter Layton requested a bag for the mower.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Campbell to purchase a bag for the lawn mower. Motion passed unanimously.

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

A Motion was made by Commissioner Howarth, second by Commissioner Jones to accept Robert Stiteler as new member on a probationary period of six months. Motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Susan Weaver, Secretary
Mantua Twp. Fire District