

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 19, 2014

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

All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Commissioner Hauss stated that we have the contract for the new fire truck. He stated that the total cost of the truck is \$576,000.00. We have added a side camera and a stokes basket to the specs for the truck.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hauss, second by Commissioner Campbell to sign the contract with KME for the fire truck in the amount of \$576,000.00.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hauss stated that the payment for the Audit Report is included in this bill pay. He stated that there were only minor issues with the Audit Report, like closing out an account with ten cents in it and straightening out the account where the pension payments are being paid from.

Commissioner Hauss stated that the Solicitor is still trying to straighten out the LOSAP payments with the Township and is going to Trenton to get an update on what the State is going to do about moving the Fire Elections to November. He stated that the hope is the Fire Districts will be treated the same as the School Boards, if we do not exceed the 2% cap, we wouldn't have to have an election to vote on our Budget.

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 (\$21, 932.18).

Firefighter D. Hauss presented the Chief/Training Report.

The Chief reported that the total dispatches for May, 2014 was 33. There was 1 working fire, 1 extrication, 22 station responses, and 11 duty crew responses. First arriving unit average response time: 5 minutes, 18 seconds. Average number of personnel responding: 9. He also presented SOG #501 for Physical and Mental Fitness, which includes a gym membership that was voted on at the last meeting.

Deputy Chief Matt Heston presented an application for Brian Hoagland to become a new member. He stated that the ipads are working well and are really fast.

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

Commissioner Hauss presented the Fire Marshal's Report; There was a total of 60 inspections, initial inspections: 31, re-inspections: 21 and 8 cooking suppression. Estimated rebates from the State for 2014 are \$20,290.89. The money will be sent directly to the Fire District by check instead of going to the Township. Bills were sent out to the local businesses. Fire Investigations year to date are; structure reports: 4, misc. reports: 6 and vehicle report:1.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Building Maintenance Report. Maintenance and cleaning was done at both Stations, lawns done at both Stations, Union Ave. rear garage door painted, Community service cleaning was done at Union Ave. Station, new LED lights installed and washing machine moved at Union Ave. Station. He stated that Shawn attended Extrication II, Drill ground instructor and ICS 300 classes.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Hauss 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 2212: lights, 2213: coolant temp sensor repaired and coolant cap replaced, 2218: new rear leaf springs, replaced two front tires, 2202: body work, 17 scba in service after hydro, multiple scba batteries replaced, repaired regulator gaskets on 1 scba on 2212 and obtained a quote for a welder.

Firefighter D. Hauss requested that he be able to attend training for Vehicle Certification \$2,750.00 and to purchase publications and manuals for \$2,750.00.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Jones for Firefighter Hauss to renew his Vehicle Certifications for \$2,750.00 and \$2,750 for updates, publications and manuals. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Jones asked if they could vote again on the purchase of the new truck so that he could be included in the vote.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hauss, second by Commissioner Campbell to sign the contract with KME for the fire truck in the amount of \$576,000.00. Approved on roll call vote: 4 yes, Howarth, Hauss, Campbell and Jones; 1 absent, Vacarino.

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 7:35 PM.

Susan Weaver, Secretary
Mantua Twp. Fire District