

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 16, 2015

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

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. Absent: Chairman Vacarino, Commissioner Jones.

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

Commissioner Hauss stated that they had a contractor submit a quote to rip out and do repairs in the Barnsboro Building basement due to water damage. The leak came from rainwater leaking into the basement. There is a grading problem there with water run off. The True North Church is going to install a drain so it won't happen again. Chairman Vacarino is going to get a quote from our Insurance Adjuster and Layton Construction also submitted a quote.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills in the amount of (\$9,757.15). The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss stated that he met with the Township Administrator about our billing account. It is not being done in a timely manner, our Home Depot account was shut down, our Easy Pass account was not up to date, we got three violations sent to us. He stated that he told her we could do our own billing and they could continue to do our payroll account. The monies paid to the Township would be reduced. We would still like to be covered under the Townships Insurance Policy without any repercussions.

Chief Hauss presented the Chief/Training Report: Total dispatches: 41, Structures 4, MVCS 1, Alarm Systems: 7, Vehicle Fire: 0, Mutual Aid: 5, Brush: 0, CO Alarms: 5, EMS assists: 7, Incidental: 12. Working Fires: 1, Extrications: 1, Station Responses 31, Duty Crew Responses: 10. First Arriving Unit Average Response Time: 4 Minutes, 20 Seconds, Average number of personnel responding: 10. He stated that Victor Torino will be honored as our VFW Firefighter of the Year and the ceremony will be in April 18, 2015 at 1800 hours. He stated that Engine 2213 responded to 14 Arbour Lane and made a successful stop, saving property and a family pet. Officer percentages for Month of

March: B. Hauss: 67.74%, N. Lamana: 51.61%, V. Torino: 67.74%, M. Heston 35.48%, C. Hanker: 45.16%.

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. Total inspections for year: 24, 13 Initial inspections, 8 re-inspections and 2 cooking suppression inspections. A total of \$700.00 in fines was issued to two businesses for reoccurring violations. An Imminent Hazard violation was issued to a Day Care on Main Street; the business was closed due to the violation. New tickets now include Illegal Open Burn Violations as well as Fire Lane Violations.

Fire Investigations: Structures: 2, Misc. Reports: 3, Vehicle Reports: 0.

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

Commissioner Hauss presented the Building Maintenance Report. Maintenance and cleaning was done at both Stations. The Bay flooring is in and we are waiting for the glue and better weather to put it down, all trees around Station has been trimmed, Air lines installed in the back bay, shower doors installed, The flooding issue has been accessed and demo is completed at the Barnsboro Station, waiting on the insurance adjuster's report. Light bulbs have been replaced throughout Stations.

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

No Vehicle Maintenance Report.

Commissioner Campbell asked if there were any inquiries for the Jackson Rd Station.

Commissioner Hauss stated no. He stated that he did a utility check for the Station. It looks like it is approximately \$500.00 a month for gas and electric at that Station. We need to have South Jersey Gas come and check our usage, some of the bills were high, almost \$800.00 one month just for gas. They had problems with estimated bills last year.

The meeting was opened to the Public.

Sidney Marks stated that the Memorial looks really nice.

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.
Susan Weaver, Secretary, Mantua Twp. Fire District