

Mantua Township Fire District #1  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2016

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 Howarth, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Campbell and Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver. Absent: Chairman Vacarino.

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

Commissioner Jones presented Resolution #2016-20, Discussion of Personnel Matters.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Hauss to adopt Resolution #2016-20. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that the big items this bill pay was Radios and pagers, \$25,098.20 and furniture \$11,353.24, both encumbered in 2015. He stated there was also a payment to Hardenbergh Insurance for \$13,321.00.

Commissioner Hauss stated that he looked into the \$5,000.00 payment to Mantua Township and was told the Auditor asked that the \$20,000.00 shared service agreement payment be made quarterly.

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 (\$57,332.62). The Motion passed unanimously.

Chief/Training Report April 2016: Total Dispatches: 67, 5 Structure, 2 MVCs, 9 Alarms systems, 4 Vehicle fires, 7 Mutual aid, 7 Brush, 5 CO/fumes, 5 EMS Assists, 23 incidental, 5 Working Fires, 0 Extrication, 51 Station Responses, 16 Duty Crew Responses. First arriving unit average response time: 4 minutes, 8 seconds.

Member Recognition: Michael Mercer was selected as the Mantua Township VFW 2016 Fire Fighter of the Year. It was awarded last Saturday, 4/16/16 at the Mantua Township VFW.

Officer Percentages for Month of April: B. Hauss: 66.66%, J. Hauss: 25.49%, N. Lamana: 39.21% and V. Torino: 41.17%.

The Chief stated that he called our Web Site people and there is an issue with the site. They are working on getting it fixed.

The Chief read a letter from the Evesham Fire District Chief thanking Mantua Fire District for the loan of the Tender and training of its use at their drill. The Chief stated that the training was excellent.

The Chief stated that Chief Lovell from Gloucester County EMS wants Deptford Twp. and us to respond to the new Tall Pines State Park (the old Maple Ridge Golf Course) with our pick up or brush trucks.

There was a discussion on the safest way to access the Park.

Commissioner Hauss stated that the Gloucester County EMT's want to do training in our building.

The Chief stated that Matt Heston wants to come up with an SOG for using the building so that there are some rules as far as cleaning up and where they can have food.

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

No Fire Marshal Report.

Firefighter Gill gave the Building Maintenance Report: Union Ave. Station: Station Office was spackled, repainted and new trim installed, deck was painted, lawns cut, new patio set put together, all weeds and trash cleaned up, approval needed for sod between deck and konex box. Jackson Road Station: Lawn cut, Meeting room cleaned ready for election, approval needed for sod by flagpole. All Risk Report: Bay doors being primed, Electricians are installing outlets in hallways & foyers, AC unit on the roof was fixed, Locksmiths installed the door fob jams in hallways, outside lights by back doors were hooked up, holes patched and door closures were installed.

Commissioner Hauss stated that there is a punch list of 37 items that has to be fixed before we sign off on the final approvals and payments for the Union Ave. Station. He asked the Township to wait on any other payments to the contractors until the items are done to our satisfaction.

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

No Vehicle Maintenance Report.

No Solicitor Report.

The meeting was opened to the Public.

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM to go into Executive Session.

The Meeting was reopened to the Public. The Closed Session discussion centered on the performance of the Finance services to the District. Points discussed were; in-house finance, payroll and LOSAP. The Commissioners did not arrive at any decisions to take any action at this time.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Susan Weaver,  
Secretary, Mantua Twp. Fire District