

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 20, 2017

Chairman Howarath 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: Chairman Howarath, Commissioner Hauss, Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Jones and Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver. Absent: Commissioner 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 Jones presented Resolution #2017-22 Discussion of Personnel Matters.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt Resolution #2017-22. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hauss stated that there is \$346,384.29 in our Money Market Account, \$105,433.74 in our CD Account, \$137,760.74 in our Main Street Account, totaling \$1,199,458.656.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarath to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills in the amount of (\$13,736.41). The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones presented the Chief/Training Report:

March 2017:

- Total Dispatches: 51
- Structure: 5
- MVCs: 4
- Alarms Systems: 10
- Vehicle fires: 1
- Mutual aid: 3
- Brush: 4
- CO/fumes: 7
- EMS Assists: 5
- Incidental: 38

Working Fires: 1

Extrication: 0

Station Response: 65

Duty Crew Response: 12

First Arriving Unit Average Response Time: 4 Minutes, 04 Seconds

Average number of personnel responding – Daytime Assignments: 11

Nighttime Assignments: 10

Member Recognition: Sidney Marks is our 2017 Fire Fighter of the Year. This will be awarded on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 1800 hours at the Mantua Township VFW.

Officer Percentages for the Month of March:

B. Hauss: 35.38% J. Hauss: 72.30% N. Lamana: 52.30%

V. Torino: 41.53% D. Hauss: 67.69% C. Devone: 53.84%

Commissioner Jones presented the Fire Marshal Report April 20, 2017:

Inspection Totals

- Inspections: 48
- Initial Inspections: 19
- Re-inspections: 26
- Misc. Inspections (Cooking Suppression Systems Witness Violations Complaints): 3

Fire Investigations:

- Structure Reports: 4
- Misc. Reports: 8
- Vehicle Reports: 0
- 124 Pinebrook Dr. - Dwelling fire
- 2 Meyers Creek Court- Illegal open burn
- 507 Mantua Blvd. - Dwelling fire

2017 Investigations Year to date: 12

- Structure Reports: 4
- Misc. Reports: 8
- Vehicles Reports: 0

Public Relations:

Firefighter Gill and Fire Marshal Lamana attended the Clearview Middle School Career Day and discussed the job of firefighter, well received.

County Foam Taskforce:

Hosted the Gloucester County Foam Taskforce Meeting on 4/11/17. The Task Force was deployed on 4/7/17 to E. Greenwich Twp. Engine Company 2213 was first on radio for the Taskforce with a crew of 4 along with FM22, 2202, and 2204.

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

Firefighter Gill presented the Building Maintenance Report:

April 2017 Report

- Fresh mulch was put down in the front flowerbeds at Union Ave. Station.
- River rock was put along the fence and deck in the rear of Union Ave Station.
- Grass has been cut and treated with weed and feed.
- Front benches were painted.
- A locksmith fixed the issue with the doors.
- 2nd floor office at Jackson Rd. Station was completed with trim and fresh paint
- Patio furniture was brought over and set up on the back deck.

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

Lt. Hauss presented the Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance Report:

April 2017

- West Deptford work is complete
- The door on the back bay is rotted out
- Worked on Police cars & trucks

Lt. Hauss stated that he got a price on replacing the door for \$2,111.00.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell to replace the back bay door at the Union Ave. Station for \$2,111.00 by Ardi Lock and Safe Co. Second by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Hauss stated that he is still fighting with All-Risk to repair the air conditioning for Union Ave. Station. He stated that he got an Engineer's report saying it was not vented correctly. He stated that the Engineer's report stated that it would cost approximately \$7,000.00.

There was a discussion about the Ten Year Anniversary Celebration. Commissioner Hauss stated that he would like to have it in October.

The Meeting was opened to the Public.

Firefighter Layton stated that he heard that the State is raising the Life Hazard Fees by 29% in September.

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

The Meeting was adjourned to go into Closed Session.

The Meeting was reopened to the Public.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hauss, second by Commissioner Campbell to hire as the Mechanic's Helper, Dave Ragone under the Casual Help Program at \$15.00 per hour because he is a licensed mechanic. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hauss, second by Commissioner Campbell to begin the process of hiring another full-time firefighter. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones stated that they have been discussing the means to exit the Township for our financial services.

Each Commissioner felt that Fire District is not getting the services for the money that is being paid to the Township, the person being paid is not performing the services and that there has been to many errors.

Commissioner Jones made a Motion to exit the Township for Financial Services, second by Commissioner Campbell. Roll call vote: 4 yes, 1 absent.

The Meeting was adjourned.



Susan Weaver, Secretary
Mantua Twp. Fire District