

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 18, 2017

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

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Jones to accept the Minutes from the previous Regular Monthly Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Howarth presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that the only item over \$1,000.00 is a bill for the Fire Marshal's Vehicle, Vineland Auto Electric Inc., \$1,392.24.

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 (\$8,434.72). The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones presented the Chief/Training Report:

April 2017:

- Total Dispatches: 38
- Structure: 2
- MVCs: 1
- Alarms Systems: 6
- Vehicle fires: 1
- Mutual aid: 2
- Brush: 9
- CO/fumes: 5
- EMS Assists: 4
- Incidental: 8

Working Fires: 1

Extrication: 0

Station Response: 30

Duty Crew Response: 8

First Arriving Unit Average Response Time: 2 Minutes, 49 Seconds

Average number of personnel responding – Daytime Assignments: 8

Nighttime Assignments: 11

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Member Recognition: None.

Officer Percentages for the Month of March:

B. Hauss: 44.82% J. Hauss: 55.17% N. Lamana: 20.68%
V. Torino: 44.82% D. Hauss: 62.06% C. Devone: 31.03%

Four new Junior Members have joined; Mike Dalfonso, 17, Justin Marchuk 17, Brandon Stackhouse, 17 and Michael McHenry, 16.

Five resumes have been received for the Firefighter position.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, training will be held at the old Clancy's Pub, until it is demolished.

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

The Chief stated that Pitman Fire Department and Gibbstown Fire Department has asked Dan if he will work on their Fire equipment.

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 Jones. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones presented Resolution #2017-25 Discussion of Personnel Matters.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt Resolution #2017-25. Motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned to go into Closed Session.

The Meeting was reopened to the Public.

During the Closed Session applications were received for the full time Fire fighter Position. It was decided that interviews will be conducted at the June 1, 2017 Work Session Meeting after regular business is conducted.

Commissioner Jones presented the Fire Marshal's Report that was found during Closed Session.

Fire Marshal Report: May 18, 2017

Inspection Totals

- Initial Inspections: 21
- Re-inspections: 4
- Misc. Inspections (Cooking Suppression Systems Witness Violations Complaints): 3

Fire Investigations:

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

2017 Investigations Year to date: 12

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

Public Relations:

Saturday April 29th, the Boy Scouts made a last minute request for a fire safety lecture at the Seniors Center down the street from the Union Ave. Station where they were having a small camp out. He stated that he was not available but the volunteer duty crew handled it and did a good job.

Training:

Attended an arson crime scene photography class hosed by the Pitman Fire Marshal's Office. It was a free class for 2 days. Learned the proper use of the camera to document fire investigations.

County Foam Taskforce:

The taskforce meeting for May was held at the Valero Refinery, the major topic was the training that has been developed and submitted to the Division of Fire Safety for approval. The four levels will be Foam Awareness, Foam Operations, Foam Technician and Officers Foam Tactical Considerations for I.C. All will be available to all MTFD members within the year.

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

The Meeting was closed to the Public.

The Meeting was reopened to the Public. The discussion concerned the interview process of the 5 applications that were received and a personnel issue.

Chief Hauss recommended Lt. Hauss be promoted to Captain.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Susan Weaver, Secretary, Mantua Twp. Fire District

