

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 20, 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 Hauss, Commissioner Jones, and Recording Secretary, Susan Weaver. Absent: Commissioner Vacarino.

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

Chairman 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 (\$4,519.43). The Motion passed unanimously.

No Fire Marshal Report.

No Chief/Training Report.

Chairman Howarth swore in Victor Torino to the position of paid Firefighter.

The Commissioners welcomed and congratulated Victor. Photos were taken with family friends, and Commissioners.

No Building/Maintenance Report

Lt. D. Hauss presented the Vehicle Maintenance Report. He stated that all the trucks have been serviced for the year, pump and hose testing has been completed. He stated that 2411 had to have a water filter repair and Cummings was here to fix a turbo issue on it. He stated he is still working on Police Cars. He stated that the Township approached him and asked him to ask the Commissioners if he could help out with their equipment because they have a Mechanic out. The Administrator said since they have a shared service agreement the pay should only be his current rate.

Commissioner Jones stated that he would like something in writing from the Township about the Equipment Maintenance in order to come up with an agreement.

Commissioner Jones asked what the policy is for contacting the Solicitor.

Commissioner Hauss stated that they have not had one in the pass.

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 #2017-28 Discussion of Personnel Matters.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Jones to adopt Resolution #2017-28. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Meeting was reopened to the Public at 8:02 PM.

During the Closed Session the Commissioners discussed the tie vote to hire Brian Hauss as Part-time Chief/Administrator. A discussion followed and points were clarified.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, second by Commissioner Campbell to hire Brian Hauss to the Position of paid part-time Fire Chief /Administrator with the following conditions:

- Pay rate of \$25.00 per hour.
- Hours worked per week as required not to exceed 20 hours without Board approval consisting of two Commissioners.
- Annual cap on salary at \$25,000.00.
- The hire starts 8/1/17.

Motion passed, Howarth, Campbell, Jones: yes, Vacarino, absent, Hauss, abstained.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Susan Weaver, Secretary, Mantua Twp. Fire District