

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Work Session Meeting
July 5, 2018

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

Commissioners and Attendees Saluted the Flag

Roll Call:

In Attendance were: Commissioner N. Vacarino, Commissioner C. Jones, Commissioner L. Campbell and Chief/Administrator and Recording Secretary, Brian Hauss.

Absent: Commissioner J. Hauss and Chairman K. Howarth

Consideration of Minutes from Previous Work Session:

A Motion was made by Commissioner N. Vacarino to approve the Minutes from the previous Work Session Meeting. Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions, Bids:

There were no bids or resolutions this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner C. Jones presented the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner C. Jones stated that there were 20 purchase orders totaling \$62,234.64 and the purchases over \$1,000.00 were for Apparatus Repair to Johnson & Towers Inc for \$2,844.28, to payroll on June 26th for \$7,778.89 and on June July 2nd for \$8,099.21. Payment to Township of Mantua for 2nd Quarter Health Insurance payment for \$18,774.51 for 2nd Quarter Liability and Workman's Compensation payment for \$12,899.97 and for 2nd Quarter Pension payment for \$8,498.21. Finally payment for auto parts for various invoices between May 18th and June 29th to Napa Auto Parts for \$1,299.28.

A Motion was made by Commissioner N. Vacarino to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (\$62,234.64). Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Solicitors Report:

Chief B. Hauss spoke about a conversation with solicitor regarding purchase of new apparatus. Solicitor advised that best interest of the district would be to purchase any apparatus utilizing a cash project rather than financing if there are available funds. Commissioners Jones and Vacarino asked about the pros and cons of doing a cash project over financing for the apparatus. Commissioner C. Jones requested that we table the issue and speak more in depth regarding the issue in a closed session meeting. A request to table the issue to the next meeting was agreed upon all commissioner's present.

Chief B. Hauss spoke about conversation with the solicitor regarding raising the budget for the 2019 fiscal year. To raise the budget at least one penny would be a raise of \$132,949 in the budget, and how we would proceed with elections and time of year elections following the raise. There was further discussion regarding possibly raising the budget to hire more personnel in the future, and then after 2019 proceed to the November election process.

Commissioner L. Campbell then asked about purchasing a side by side ATV by the end of the year. Solicitor stated that the ATV could be purchased out of station equipment. There was discussion on how the vehicle would be registered and transported.

New Business:

There was no new business discussed.

Old Business:

Commissioner L. Campbell advised that there was no new information regarding the Rental of Jackson Road Station.

Chief B. Hauss advised that Dry Guys was at the Barnsboro Station completing work on this date.

Commissioner L. Campbell asked about the MUA Repairs to the Trenton Avenue side of the Union Avenue Station. Commissioner N. Vacarino advised that he has not heard from the MUA and that he would reach out to them to check on the status of the job.

Commissioner L. Campbell then asked about the status of the Jackson Road Exterior Refurbishment. Chief B. Hauss advised that the only quote received was from Guzzo Stucco. Commissioner N. Vacarino stated that we should look into the Drive It system, and that he would reach out to some contractors to get pricing on the project.

Commissioner L. Campbell tabled any discussion on the new Rescue Engine, as it was previously discussed under the solicitor's report.

Open to Public:

Commissioner C. Jones motioned to open the Meeting to the Public. Second by Commissioner N. Vacarino, motion passed unanimously.

There being no comments from the public a motion by Commissioner C. Jones to close the Public Portion of the Meeting. Second by Commissioner N. Vacarino, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn:

Commissioner C. Jones made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner N. Vacarino, motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Hauss", written in a cursive style.

Brian Hauss, District Chief/Administrator