

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 21, 2016

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

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

Commissioner Jones presented Resolution #2016-02, Discussion of Personnel Matters.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Howarth, second by Commissioner Hauss to adopt Resolution #2016-02. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that there were large payments made for appliances and meters from Hagemeyer.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hauss, second by Commissioner Howarth to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills in the amount of (\$9,679.77). The Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss stated that he talked to the Auditors about setting up an account by Resolution for putting money aside for retirement payouts. He will ask the Solicitor to draw up a Resolution to set this up.

Chief Hauss presented the Chief Report: He stated that Training Schedules have been set up for this year, Live Fires, 2 at Camden County and 2 at Salem County. He stated that CPR Training will be the 2nd and the 4th. He stated that mandatory training is February 24th and the 26th. He stated that 2/3 of the Department has completed mandatory training.

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

Commissioner Jones presented the Fire Marshal Report: Inspections for the year: 34, Initial Inspections: 22, Re-inspections: 5, Cooking Suppression: 7.

Fire Investigations: Appliance Fire-154 W. Elm Ave., 1415 Tristram Circle, Vehicle Fire: 591 Mantua Blvd. 2016 Investigations Year to Date: Structure Reports: 0, Misc. Reports: 2, Vehicle Reports: 1.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth to accept the Fire Marshal Report. The Motion passed unanimously

Firefighter Layton presented the Building Maintenance Report: Union Ave. Station: he gave an update on the building progress. He stated that the contractors were in preparing to install the electric. He stated that the key fob installation should be started next week at the Union Ave. Station and that the Contractor also gave us a price to install the fob system at the Jackson Road Station.

Chairman Vacarino stated that there are two bids for the fob systems; TG Communications, \$4,875.00 and BEC, \$6,965.00 and the Solicitor stated we only needed two quotes.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth to accept the quote for \$4,875.00 from TG Communications.

Firefighter Layton stated his last day as an employee for the District will be January 31, 2016 and he wanted to thank everyone for all the help and support he was given through his employment here.

Chairman Vacarino thanked him for his hard work while working for the District and wished him well with his new job.

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

No Vehicle Maintenance Report.

No Solicitor Report.

Commissioner Howarth asked if the LOSAP could be raised to the cost of living standards.

Commissioner Hauss stated he would ask the Township Administrator again to raise it by Ordinance.

Chief Hauss got three quotes for lockers, 24 double gray lockers, which are 24" deep.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell, second by Commissioner Howarth to purchase the lockers from Schoollockers.com for \$2,400.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hauss stated that we would purchase 6 recliners from Bob's Furniture for \$299.00 a piece.

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 8:00 PM to go into Closed Session to discuss hiring a new firefighter to replace Firefighter Layton.

Susan Weaver,
Secretary, Mantua Twp. Fire District