

Mantua Township Fire District #1  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Minutes of Work Session Meeting  
June 4, 2020

Chairman K. Howarth called the meeting to order pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was held in person and virtually on the Zoom Meeting Application. Appropriate notice was given and posted in the South Jersey Times, Courier Post, Mantua Township Municipal Building and Mantua Township Fire District Website.

Commissioners and virtual Attendees Saluted the Flag

Roll Call:

In attendance were: Chairman K. Howarth, Commissioner J. Hauss, Commissioner C. Jones, Commissioner N. Vacarino, and Chief/Administrator and Recording Secretary B. Hauss

Absent: Commissioner L. Campbell

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:

No Resolutions or Bids

Treasurer's Report:

Chief B. Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

Chief B. Hauss stated that there were 15 purchase orders totaling \$39,736.60 and the purchases over \$1,000.00 were for \$12,741 to MES for a Hurst Pump for 2218, as well as, \$11,488.16 and \$11,962.75 to payroll on May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively.

A Motion was made by Commissioner N. Vacarino to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (\$39,736.60). Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Solicitors Report:

There was no report from the Solicitor

New Business:

Chairman K. Howarth discussed an issue at the Main Street property with Orbit Solar and the surrounding neighbors. The neighbors are complaining about the lighting on the building at night, that it is shining into their homes. The township has asked Orbit to dim the lights; however, if he does not comply the Fire District will have to enforce the articles of the Lease.

Old Business:

Chairman K. Howarth asked about the status of the New Mechanic Building. Commissioner N. Vacarino spoke about an idea to get the concrete done. Commissioner N. Vacarino reached out to the Philadelphia Masonry Union and asked if they would be willing to do the concrete project as a learning experience, to cut costs. If not it should cost approximately \$12.00 per square foot for the job. Commissioner J. Hauss who was virtually attending the meeting, stated that the status of the purchase is on the status of the shared services agreement with West Deptford for the QPA. If that is unsuccessful, we should advertise for closed bid for the building.

Chairman K. Howarth then asked about the status of the Solar project at Union Avenue. Chief B. Hauss explained that Orbit has been on the property, evaluated the electrical service and are now in contact with the roof installers to confirm the warranty of the roof. Waiting on further information.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Brian Hauss, District Chief/Administrator