

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

Chairman K. Howarth called the meeting to order pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Commissioners and Attendees Saluted the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Commissioner N. Vacarino

Consideration of Minutes from Previous Work Session:

A Motion was made by Commissioner L. Campbell to approve the Minutes from the previous Work Session Meeting. Second by Commissioner J. Hauss, motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions, Bids:

Commissioner C. Jones read resolution 2020-32 Authorizing Award of Contract for Mounting Brackets. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Commissioner J. Hauss, second by Commissioner L. Campbell. Chairman K. Howarth called for a roll call vote. Motion passed on roll call, four (4) yes, one (1) absent.

Commissioner C. Jones read resolution 2020-33 Amending the 2020 Budget. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Commissioner L. Campbell, second by Commissioner J. Hauss. Chairman K. Howarth called for a roll call vote. Motion passed on roll call, four (4) yes, one (1) absent.

Commissioner C. Jones read resolution 2020-34 Interlocal Agreement with Borough of Swedesboro. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Commissioner J. Hauss, second by Commissioner L. Campbell, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner J. Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner J. Hauss stated that there were 25 purchase orders totaling \$52,544.26 and the purchases over \$1,000.00 were for \$8,350.00 to MES for Turnout Gear, for \$7,300.00

to Nat Alexander for Blowhard Quickee Fans, for \$1,530.00 to GC IAFF 3592 for Union Dues, for \$5,242.52 to Performance Advantage Company for Mounting Brackets, for \$1,568.13 to Atlantic City Electric, and for \$1,870.00 to BHR Contracting for Asphalt Repair, as well as, \$12,685.83 and \$12,061.26 to payroll on September 21<sup>st</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup> respectively.

A Motion was made by Commissioner L. Campbell to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (\$52,544.26). Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

#### Solicitors Report:

Chief B. Hauss discussed an issue about the Tax Exemption for 721 Main Street. Chief B. Hauss spoke about now that the building is occupied by a for-profit business (Orbit Energy) that the Fire Department will lose the Tax Exemption for the property. Chief advised that the solicitor has been advised of the issue and informed that the Business occupying the building will be responsible for paying the taxes for the property. Chief B. Hauss read the statue sent from Gloucester County showing responsibility for the taxes.

The commissioners spoke in depth about the tax issue and advised the Chief to contact Orbit Energy advise them of the changes and that board will wait until the building and property are assessed and what the taxes will be. No further discussion about the issue.

Chief B. Hauss then spoke about how and why the 2020 budget is being amended to be able to purchase new SCBA equipment.

#### New Business:

Chief B. Hauss spoke about replacing the frag tank on the Air Compressor for SCBA. Commissioner C. Jones motioned to replace the Frag Tank at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00, second by Commissioner L. Campbell, motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business:

Chairman K. Howarth asked about the status of the Solar Project. Chief B. Hauss stated that the processes are in the interconnectivity stage with Atlantic City Electric and has been approved.

Chairman K. Howarth then advised the remainder of the board about the status of the MUA Project and paving project on Trenton Avenue, stating that the project is underway and should be completed shortly.

#### Open to Public:

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

Chief B. Hauss advised the board of commissioners of the newly formed Funeral Protocol, which was accepted by the Board as SOG 213.

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

Motion to Adjourn:

Commissioner L. Campbell made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Hauss". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "B" and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Hauss, District Chief/Administrator