

Mantua Township Fire District #1
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Work Session Meeting
November 5, 2020

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 B. Hauss

Absent: Chairman K. Howarth and Commissioner J. Hauss

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:

Commissioner C. Jones read resolution 2020-35 Transferring Appropriations in the 2020 Budget. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Commissioner C. Jones. Second by Commissioner N. Vacarino, motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner C. Jones read resolution 2020-36 Authorizing Award of Contract for SCBA Compressor Fill Station. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner N. Vacarino. Vice Chairman L. Campbell called for a roll call vote. Motion passed on roll call, three (3) yes, two (2) absent.

Commissioner C. Jones read resolution 2020-37 Authorizing Award of Contract for Scott 5.5 X3 Pro SCBA. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner N. Vacarino. Vice Chairman L. Campbell called for a roll call vote. Motion passed on roll call, three (3) yes, two (2) absent.

Commissioner C. Jones read resolution 2020-38 Introduction of the 2021 budget. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Commissioner C. Jones, second by Commissioner N. Vacarino. Vice Chairman L. Campbell called for a roll call vote. Motion passed on roll call, three (3) yes, two (2) absent.

Treasurer's Report:

Chief B. Hauss presented the Treasurer's Report.

Chief B. Hauss stated that there were 48 purchase orders totaling \$122,409.11 and the purchases over \$1,000.00 were for \$1,640.75 to Metropolitan Radio Communications for Chargers and Handsets, for \$67,111.89 to Commerce Bank for 2015 KME Payment, for \$2,150.00 to BHR Contracting for a Door, for \$2,530.23 to Mantua Township for 2020 Taxes at Main Street, for \$1,125.00 to Careffex for Paint Protection, for \$1,195.58 to Atlantic City Electric, for \$1,380.00 to MES for 5" Supply, for \$1,040.00 to First Priority for 2020 KME Change Orders, as well as, \$12,647.05, \$11,968.10, \$10,402.16 and \$1,153.37 to payroll on October 20th, October 26th, and November 3rd respectively.

A Motion was made by Commissioner C. Jones to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (\$122,409.11). Second by Commissioner N. Vacarino, motion passed unanimously.

Solicitors Report:

Nothing to report

New Business:

No new business

Old Business:

Vice Chairman L. Campbell asked about the status of the taxes at 721 Main Street. Chief B. Hauss stated that the property has been assessed at \$323,000.00. The proposed tax will be \$11,292.08 a year. Commissioner C. Jones motioned to lower the rent to \$3,000.00 a month due to taxes. Second by Commissioner N. Vacarino, motioned passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman L. Campbell 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. A comment was made to reach out to Orbit about their equipment on the roof. During the wind storm the equipment was falling off the roof.

Vice Chairman L. Campbell asked about the status of the MUA Project and paving project on Trenton Avenue. Deputy Chief D. Hauss stated that the project is underway and should be completed shortly.

Chief B. Hauss then spoke about starting the bid process for the Maintenance Shop. Commissioner C. Jones motioned to have Chief B. Hauss and Deputy Chief D. Hauss have the spec for the maintenance shop completed and develop a bid packet for the project. Second by Commissioner N. Vacarino, motion passed unanimously.

Open to Public:

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

Mr. Sidney Marks of 143 Ferndale Avenue asked about the status of the booster reel on the rear of Rescue 2218. Deputy Chief D. Hauss stated that the booster reel would be repaired by the warranty work by First priority.

Commissioner C. Jones then congratulated Commissioners N. Vacarino and L. Campbell on their recent election victory.

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 N. Vacarino 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