

Mantua Township Fire District #1  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 16, 2023

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

Commissioners and Attendees Saluted the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Commissioner L. Campbell

Tardy: Commissioner J. Neely

Consideration of Minutes from Previous Regular Meeting:

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

Resolutions, Bids:

No resolutions or Bids.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner N. Vacarino presented the Treasurer's Report.

Chief B. Hauss stated that there were 43 purchase orders totaling \$48,843.37 the payments over \$1,000.00 in this bill pay were to Dival Safety Equipment for a Turnout Gear Washer for ARP Grant for \$5,325.00, to Airpower International for the 2023 Service Contract for \$1,875.00 and to South Jersey Gas for Gas for Union Avenue for \$2,463.06. Payments to Payroll for \$16,479.42 and \$16,044.13 on February 8<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup> respectively.

Chief B. Hauss then read the balances of the Accounts for January 2023:

General Disbursements: \$1,305,657.44

Payroll: \$33,258.66

Rentals: \$350,540.31

Total: \$1,689,456.41

A Motion was made by Commissioner J. Neely to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills (\$50,698.34). Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report and Training Report:

Chief B. Hauss presented the Chief/Training Report:

**Call Log: January 2023**

Total Dispatches: 53

Structures:	9
MVCs:	8
Alarm Systems:	6
Vehicle Fire:	1
Brush:	2
CO/Fumes:	10
EMS Assist:	1
Incidental:	14

**Working Fires: 2**

**Extrications: 0**

**AM (0600-1800): 36**

**PM (1800-0600): 17**

**Station Response: 21**

**Duty Crew Response: 32**

First Arriving Unit Average Response Time: 3 Minutes 24 Seconds

Average number of volunteer personnel responding – 5

**Member Recognition:**

Congrats to Mike Craft on his appointment to the Mantua MUA. Also to Alex Dickerson on his appointment to the Vineland Fire Department.

**Notes:**

Turnout Gear has been purchased. New Gear Washer has been purchased and installed.

County is Using the Meeting Room for Senior Lunches

Vote by Mails are out and are being returned daily. Election is Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 1400-2100.

Commission Minutes posted to the website

NFIRS reports are up to date, and monthly and yearly percentages are attached.

**Membership:**

Currently 32 Members

### **Training Report:**

Mandatory Training is almost complete. Got a quote from Gloucester County Fire Academy to start doing Academy Led Training. This will be a Co-Op with Woodbury Fire Department. So there will be two days of training opportunities, and Mantua will pay for one day and Woodbury for the other. Both Departments can come to each other's training.

County Fire Academy will be conducting the Confined Space Lecture,

For SCBA Refresher members are refreshing on the RIC Pack and FAST Board as well.

A Motion was made by Commissioner L. Campbell to accept the Chief's/Training Report. Second by Commissioner J. Neely, motion passed unanimously.

### Fire Marshal's Report:

Deputy Chief D. Hauss was absent and did not present a report.

### Building Maintenance Report:

Chief B. Hauss advised the commissioners that the buildings are being cared for as always. The new washer was installed and updates to the washroom. General Cleaning being done.

A Motion was made by Commissioner J. Neely to approve the Building Maintenance Report. Second by Commissioner C. Jones, motion passed unanimously.

### Vehicle Maintenance Report:

Firefighter D. Darnall was present and provided a report.

### **Mantua FD**

-All service began on department trucks

### **Shared services**

#### **Wenonah**

-1317 Scheduled for Repair

#### **West Deptford**

-Building WD Police Cars

**Gibbstown FD**

-N/A

**Woodbury FD**

-Waiting on Parts

**Oaklyn FD**

-N/A

**Swedesboro**

-Multiple public works vehicles were serviced

**Cinnaminson FD**

-Repairing Ambulance

**Collingswood FD**

-N/A

**National Park**

-N/A

**Mantua PD**

-All vehicles are being serviced and repaired as necessary

**Mantua MUA**

-N/A

**Monroe**

-N/A

**Equipment Repairs**

-N/A

**Other Remarks**

-N/A

Respectfully submitted  
Daniel Darnall

A Motion was made by Commissioner C. Jones to approve the Vehicle Maintenance Report. Second by Commissioner J. Neely, motion passed unanimously.

Solicitors Report:

Nothing to report

New Business:

No new Business

Old Business:

Chairman K. Howarth asked about the billing for South Jersey Gas. Chief B. Hauss stated that South Jersey Gas came and checked the meter and pressure tested the system. There is no problem with the meter and just inflation.

Open Meeting to Public:

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

Chief B. Hauss stated that the resident adjacent to the Barnsboro Station is complaining about the vehicles parked for Orbit facing her residence.

Motion to Close Public Portion:

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

Motion to Adjourn:

Commissioner C. Jones then 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', with a large, stylized initial 'B' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Brian Hauss, District Chief/Administrator