

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 1  
BRICK TOWNSHIP**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2018**

IN ATTENDANCE: Steven P. Gerling  
James J. Riccio  
Ronald M. Gaskill, Sr.  
Edward P. Slowinski  
Walter A. Eaton, Jr.  
Jay C. Sendzik, Esq.  
Robert D. Elliott, CPA

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Brick has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place and agenda to the extent known thereof posted as follows:

- Published in the Asbury Park Press on December 8, 2017.
- Published in the Brick Times on December 16, 2017.
- Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on December 6, 2017.
- Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building and the Office of the Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1.
- Posted on [www.brickfire.org](http://www.brickfire.org).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Steven P. Gerling.  
Flag salute. Roll call. Open Public Meeting Act read.

Board Member's Request to Schedule Board Agenda Item

None.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Eaton and seconded by Commissioner Gaskill to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 regular and special meetings. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Gaskill, President Gerling - Yes (4), No (0). Motion passed.

Correspondence

Commissioner Slowinski read correspondence regarding an alternative to IamResponding.

Public Participation (Agenda Items Only)

None.

### Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Riccio and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, President Gerling - Yes (4), No (0). Motion passed.

### Approval of Requisitions

A motion was made by Commissioner Riccio and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to approve the requisitions. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, President Gerling - Yes (4), No (0). Motion passed.

### Approval of Vouchers and Bills

A list of bills was generated from QuickBooks, a copy of which is attached. A motion was made by Commissioner Riccio and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to approve the bills as presented. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, President Gerling - Yes (4), No (0). Motion passed. The Commissioners each voted "present" on any payment(s) to themselves.

### Fire Chiefs' Report

The Chiefs distributed their reports to the Commissioners, copies of which will be placed on file. Discussion ensued on the following items:

#### Breton Woods Fire Company

Assistant Chief Brian Streiter was present at the meeting for Station 21.

1. One Change of Status form received and one pending.
2. Assistant Chief Streiter informed Commissioner Eaton Station 21 member's status in the Firefighter 1 & 2 classes.

Assistant Chief Streiter asked for generator fuel to be scheduled for delivery. He reported Station 21's drills will be the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. He submitted the officer requirement sheets for the Personnel Committee's review.

#### Pioneer Hose Fire Company

Engineer John Koester was present at the meeting for Station 22.

President Gerling requested officer requirement sheets to be submitted for Station 22. Engineer Koester will advise Chief Lindholm.

### Dive Team Report

Dive Captain Fran Devaney was present at the meeting for the Dive Team.

1. Dive Captain Devaney will reach out to the Police Officers who are certified divers regarding joining the Dive Team rolls.

Bureau Chief Batzel praised the Fire Service for their responses to multiple freeze ups.

Standing Committees:

#### Personnel Committee

No report.

### Purchasing & Finance

Commissioner Riccio reminded the Chiefs that the District is working on a temporary budget until the budget passes in February. He also reminded membership to vote.

### Training & Education Committee

Commissioner Eaton reported several members of District 1 are attending Fire Instructor 1 classes scheduled to start January 9, 2018. Commissioner Riccio reminded the Chiefs that if any officers are planning to attend FDIC to notify Board office.

### Legislation

No report.

### Communications

Commissioner Riccio reported on the upgrades and replacements of all radios is pending budget approval.

Engineer John Koester reported the status of the installs on Station 22 trucks is almost complete.

### Insurance

No report.

### Truck Repair & Maintenance Committee

Commissioner Eaton reported the rebuild of the pump engine for Unit 2236 will include a warranty for one year effective when the boat is put in the water. Fire apparatus status report was given.

### Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Riccio reported Mayor Ducey has received complaints regarding the siren at Station 22. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Commissioner Slowinski, seconded by Commissioner Eaton to shut off the siren temporarily but allow for discussion again in the Spring of 2018. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, President Gerling - Yes (5), No (0). Motion passed.

### Joint Board Committee

President Gerling reported the Business and Management Committee is working on finalizing the budget.

### Policy Committee

The Committee is working on the changes to the Policy Manual for change of officers and transfer policy.

### New Apparatus

No report.

### Building & Grounds

No report.

### Old Business

None.

New Business

A motion was made by Commissioner Gaskill and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to move a Resolution Establishing a Temporary Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:14-78.17. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, President Gerling - Yes (5), No (0). Motion passed.

Solicitor Sendzik reported on the bid results for Station 22's air compressor. A motion was made by Commissioner Riccio, seconded by Commissioner Slowinski to contact the sole vendor regarding his price proposal and authorize acceptance not to exceed \$65,000. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, President Gerling - Yes (5), No (0). Motion passed.

Commissioner Riccio advised the Township EMS is putting in for a grant for which the Fire Service may also benefit.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Auditor's Report

Auditor Elliott reported the Committee agreed to have the proposed Joint Board budget prepared earlier.

President's Report

President Gerling wished everyone a Happy New Year and extended his congratulations to the new officers.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Miscellaneous

None.

Public Participation (General Fire Service Matters)

None.

Good of the Board

None.

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
Edward P. Slowinski, Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
District No. 1