

JOINT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF BRICK

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Walter A. Eaton, Jr. James J. Lepore, Jr.
 Ronald M. Gaskill, Sr. Christopher J. Matseur
 Steven P. Gerling Robert J. Salmon
 Edward P. Slowinski Donald Wilkinson
 Charles F. Turner Robert B. Winemiller, III

EXCUSED: James J. Riccio John C. Hefferon
 Ronald M. Braen, Jr. Joseph J. Pawlowicz, Jr.
 Stephen W. Earl, Jr.

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 Joint Board of Fire Commissioners 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:

1. Published in the Asbury Park Press on December 22, 2016
2. Published in the Brick Times on December 31, 2016
3. Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on December 20, 2016
4. Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building, Bureau of Fire Safety, and office of the Joint Board of Fire Commissioners
5. Posted on www.brickfire.org

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Gerling, followed by flag salute, announcement of emergency exits and roll call.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Salmon and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to approve the October 16, 2017 meeting minutes. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (8); Commissioner Slowinski—Present (1); No—(0). Motion passed.

Correspondence

None.

Public Participation (Agenda Items Only)

None.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Lepore and seconded by Commissioner Salmon to accept the Treasurer's Report. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (9); No—(0). Motion passed.

Approval of Requisitions

None.

Approval of Vouchers and Bills

A motion was made by Commissioner Lepore and seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson to pay the bills as presented including any additions. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (9); No—(0). Motion passed. The Commissioners each voted "present" on any payment(s) to themselves.

Board Member's Request to Schedule Agenda Item

None.

District President's Report

Fire District 1 – President Gerling wished everyone a happy, safe Thanksgiving.

Fire District 2 – It was noted that new Unit 2305 will be delivered within the next couple of weeks.

Fire District 3 – President Lepore offered Happy Thanksgiving greetings.

Fire Official's Report

Bureau Chief Kevin Batzel's report was submitted.

Fire Chiefs Report

Station 21—Chief Bisbal informed the Board that training for the upcoming year was discussed at tonight's joint Chiefs meeting; requests will be submitted to the Bureau. He also inquired if fit testing can be done in-house with a new program. Vice President Gerling suggested the Chief and Training Officer obtain prices for suitable equipment to include training and bring it back next month for further consideration. Commissioner Lepore pointed out that testing was done in-house several years ago but discontinued due to equipment obsolescence, potential liability issues, training for those who would utilize the equipment, and maintenance on the machine. Chief Bisbal also informed the Board that Breton Woods Fire Company Ex-Chief/former District 1 Commissioner Ross Poppe passed away. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Station 22—No report.

Station 23—Assistant Chief Paul Mazzeo noted that the new aerial truck is nearing completion and expected to be in service soon.

Station 24—No report.

Fire Academy Training Officer's Report

Training Officer Richard Orlando's report was submitted. He extended Season's Greetings to all. A motion was made by Commissioner Lepore and seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson to accept Officer Orlando's report. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (9); No—(0). Motion passed.

Explorer Post Report

Advisor Robert Contreras requested authorization to renew the Post's charter and a check in the amount of \$888 to cover same. A motion was made by Commissioner Slowinski and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to approve the renewal and payment. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (10); No—(0). Motion passed.

Township Communications Report

Communications Technician Donald Kanka's report was distributed to Board members. A motion was made by Commissioner Slowinski and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to accept the report. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (10); No—(0). Motion passed.

Standing Committees

Business and Management Committee

Commissioner Lepore received favorable renewal information from FIRST Responder Joint Insurance Fund. He also advised that Captain Mazzeo obtained two quotes for Technical Rescue Team tools and equipment; both quotes are for the same brand tools. A motion was made by Commissioner Lepore and seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson to approve the purchase through Home Depot. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (10); No—(0). Motion passed.

Three quotes were obtained for repainting of Unit 2393 (former Pioneer Hose Rescue Unit 2203): Mickey Truck Bodies for \$8,944.00, New Jersey Emergency Vehicles for \$29,000.00, and Milspray Technologies for \$29,937.99. Discussion ensued. The quotes will be further reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Lepore and seconded by Commissioner Salmon to approve vehicle repainting in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (10); No—(0). Motion passed.

Before plans are made for a new chassis and/or vehicle switchover for the Technical Team, it is the Committee's recommendation to focus on fully funding the radio infrastructure project/microwave system in 2018 and re-address trucks again in 2019.

Chiefs Committee

A Joint Chiefs meeting was held tonight prior to this meeting. Officer Orlando will provide a full report.

Technical Rescue Committee

Team Captain Mazzeo thanked the Board for equipment approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Lepore and seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson to accept Captain Mazzeo's report. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (10); No—(0). Motion passed.

Old Business

A draft audit report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was given to Board members last month for their review. A motion was made by Commissioner Salmon and seconded by Commissioner Lepore to move a Resolution Certifying Compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-17 and move a Resolution Accepting the Annual Audit. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, Vice President Gerling—Yes (10); No—(0). Motion passed.

New Business

None.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Auditor's Report

No report.

President's Report

No report.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Miscellaneous

None.

Public Participation (General Fire Service Matters)

None.

Good of the Board

No report.

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
John C. Hefferon, Secretary
Joint Board of Fire Commissioners, Twp. of Brick