

JOINT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF BRICK

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE: Walter A. Eaton, Jr. Joseph J. Pawlowicz, Jr.
 Ronald M. Gaskill, Sr. James J. Lepore, Jr.
 James J. Riccio Christopher J. Matseur
 Edward P. Slowinski Robert J. Salmon
 Ronald M. Braen, Jr. Donald Wilkinson
 Stephen W. Earl, Jr. Robert B. Winemiller, III
 John C. Hefferon

Kate Sendzik Haines, Esq.

EXCUSED: Steven P. Gerling Charles F. Turner

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, 2017
2. Published in the Brick Times on December 30, 2017
3. Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on December 19, 2017
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

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

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Lepore and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Braen, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Hefferon, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, President Pawlowicz—Yes (11); Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski—Abstain (2); No—(0). Motion passed.

Correspondence

None.

Public Participation (Agenda Items Only)

None.

Treasurer's Report

A profit and loss report, budget vs. actual, was distributed to Board members. A motion was made by Commissioner Riccio and seconded by Commissioner Matseur to accept the unaudited report. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Braen, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Hefferon, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, President Pawlowicz—Yes (13); No—(0). Motion passed.

Approval of Requisitions

None.

Approval of Vouchers and Bills

A motion was made by Commissioner Slowinski and seconded by Commissioner Winemiller to approve the bills as presented including any additions. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Braen, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Hefferon, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, President Pawlowicz—Yes (13); No—(0). Motion passed.

Board Member's Request to Schedule Board Agenda Item

None.

District Presidents Report

Fire District 1—No report.

Fire District 2—No report.

Fire District 3—No report.

Fire Official's Report

Bureau Chief/Fire Marshal Kevin Batzel's report was distributed. A motion was made by Commissioner Salmon and seconded by Commissioner Winemiller to accept Chief Batzel's report. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Braen, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Hefferon, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, President Pawlowicz—Yes (13); No—(0). Motion passed.

Fire Chiefs Report

Station 21—Chief Bisbal noted that Breton Woods Fire Company members were instructed to make sure their life insurance beneficiary information is up to date.

Station 22—No report.

Station 23—No report.

Station 24—No report.

Fire Academy Training Officer's Report

Training Officer Richard Orlando's report was submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Slowinski and seconded by Commissioner Gaskill to accept Officer Orlando's report. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Braen, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Hefferon, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, President Pawlowicz—Yes (13); No—(0). Motion passed.

Explorer Post Report

Advisor Robert Contreras inquired if the Board would like the Post to participate in the Memorial Day parade; the Board responded affirmatively.

Township Communications Report

Commissioner Riccio briefed the Board on the infrastructure move to microwave, which is in the first phase.

Standing Committees

Business and Management Committee

Progress continues with the cell tower and all permits in place; revenue from the tower is expected to commence next month. The Committee will be addressing the inspectors' Local 119 employment contract that expires on December 31, 2018.

Chiefs Committee

Commissioner Matseur will follow up with a report from tonight's Joint Chiefs meeting, during which run cards were discussed. Commissioner Riccio offered to oversee a new committee formed to review response run cards; said Committee will consist of the four Fire Chiefs and Bureau Chief Batzel, as well as Station 22 Assistant Chief Ron Gaskill since he is extremely familiar with New World. The run card system will then be evaluated in six months.

Technical Rescue Committee

Captain Mazzeo's report was distributed, which included narrative on the trailer being funded by Ocean County grant monies and purchased through Toms River Fire Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Lepore and seconded by Commissioner Slowinski to approve the request for additional features—awning, ladder racks, ladder and covering to the ramp fold down door—which would be installed at time of build in the amount of \$3,047.20. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Braen, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Hefferon, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, President Pawlowicz—Yes (13); No—(0). Motion passed.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Discussion ensued on bagpiper band performance at this year's Memorial Day parade, which would be dependent on the weather and require cancellation by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday prior to the parade. To avoid uncertainty, President Pawlowicz suggested a backup plan so in the

event the parade gets cancelled, the bagpipers can still perform at one of the fire stations (i.e., Station 23). A motion was made by Commissioner Lepore and seconded by Commissioner Slowinski to hire the bagpiper band rain or shine. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, Commissioner Braen, Commissioner Earl, Commissioner Hefferon, Commissioner Lepore, Commissioner Matseur, Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Wilkinson, Commissioner Winemiller, President Pawlowicz—Yes (13); No—(0). Motion passed. Chief Bisbal will contact President Pawlowicz before a decision is made.

Commissioner Lepore informed the Board that Fire District 3 has a new 28' straight ladder that the District is willing to give to District 1 or 2. If interested, contact Commissioner Lepore within the week and Commissioner Salmon will have it brought over. Training Officer Orlando expressed interest in the ladder for use at the training grounds if it is not needed by the Districts.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Auditor's Report

No report.

President's Report

President Pawlowicz spoke of the active shooter drill held at Brick Township High School on Saturday with Brick Police, Brick Fire and EMS agencies. District 3 was not deliberately excluded from the drill; the initial plan only called for one fire truck with 10 firefighters to conserve manpower. Fire personnel from District 1 attended as the high school is in that responding district. Some members from District 2 were available and also participated.

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 7:50 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Stephen W. Earl, Jr., Secretary
Joint Board of Fire Commissioners
Township of Brick