

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2017

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

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 10, 2016.
- Published in the Brick Times on December 17, 2016.
- Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on December 8, 2016.
- 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.

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

Commissioner Riccio requested a 6:45 p.m. special meeting for the introduction of the budget. Auditor Elliott will be asked to attend.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Riccio and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 regular meeting and November 2, 2017 special meeting. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Slowinski, President Gerling - Yes (5), No (0). Motion passed. Commissioner Slowinski abstained on the October 2, 2017 meeting minutes.

Correspondence

None.

Public Participation (Agenda Items Only)

None.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Riccio and seconded by Commissioner Slowinski to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, President Gerling - Yes (5), No (0). Motion passed.

Approval of Requisitions

A motion was made by Commissioner Riccio and seconded by Commissioner Slowinski to approve the requisitions. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, President Gerling - Yes (5), 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 Slowinski to approve the bills as presented. Roll call: Commissioner Eaton, Commissioner Gaskill, Commissioner Riccio, Commissioner Slowinski, President Gerling - Yes (5), 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:

Pioneer Hose Fire Company

Chief David Lindholm was present at the meeting for Station 22.

1. Discussion regarding pager deficiencies will be referred to the radio technician for suggestions on possible replacements.

The notification for apparatus airbag recalls was referred to Solicitor Sendzik. Chief Lindholm will see Commissioner Riccio after the meeting regarding air compressor quote.

Breton Woods Fire Company

Chief Thomas Bisbal was present at the meeting for Station 21.

1. President Gerling advised Chief Bisbal that Unit 2216 is out for repairs; once completed will be shrink-wrapped and stored outside this year.
2. He advised Commissioner Gaskill Sr. has reviewed the current log of officers as required.
3. He advised of the passing of Ex-Commissioner Ross Poppe. Condolences were extended.
4. He recognized Station 22 Sandy Remembrance gathering and commended Ex-Chief Eaton for his exceptional leadership during Superstorm Sandy.
5. He asked that training hours be tracked and logged next year in New World.
6. He advised the reimbursement for expenses and losses for some members will be held until they pass their Class "C" uniform inspection.
7. He advised that all Breton Woods members have completed all the Power DMS assignments.
8. A Change of Membership Status Form was given to Commissioner Slowinski for Iain Cole.

Dive Team Report

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

1. Permission was granted to have face regulators bench tested.
2. The Board recognized the Dive Team's efforts at the recent property search conducted with Brick Police Department.

Bureau Chief Batzel asked the Chiefs to provide him with a list of active firefighters that did not go through Ocean County Fire School so that Ocean County ID cards can be generated for them. He advised the bridge from Midstreams Road to Princeton Avenue will be out of service for a short period of time. He informed that some fire prevention assistance in the other districts was needed by District 1 members. He understood that District 1 would not be compensating said members for assistance out of District but Commissioner Riccio will discuss it at the next Joint Board meeting.

Standing Committees:

Personnel Committee

No applications at this time.

Purchasing & Finance

No report.

Training & Education Committee

No report.

Legislation

No report.

Communications

Commissioner Riccio reported the upgrades to District 1 mobile radios are ongoing and the Joint Board is working on a joint venture with the Town. In addition, District 1 is looking to replace all portables in 2018 after budget approval.

Commissioner Eaton inquired about the IamResponding issues. Commissioner Riccio advised there is an upgrade on the Township side that should correct the issues.

Issue with Station 22 fax line for Rip-n-Runs is being worked on through Township IT.

President Gerling advised there was a complaint regarding the siren activating too early in the a.m. Engineer Koester will adjust the siren activation timer.

Insurance

No report.

Truck Repair & Maintenance Committee

Commissioner Eaton reported the power module issues will be pursued by Solicitor Sendzik and the vendor.

Commissioner Eaton commended those involved in the restoration of Unit 2224.

Unit 2216 status report given.

Public Relations Committee

No report.

Joint Board Committee

The Business and Management Committee is working on finalizing next year's budget.

Policy Committee

The Committee distributed the changes made to the Policy Manual for Commissioner's review; an acceptance vote will be done next month.

New Apparatus

No report.

Building & Grounds

The back door at Station 22 was repaired by Engineer Koester.

Old Business

Dive Captain Devaney advised he was notified by the Ocean County Prosecutor's office for a fire boat incident. He will send a copy of that request to Solicitor Sendzik.

New Business

Commissioner Riccio encouraged members to vote during the special meeting for capital projects on November 27, 2017 between the hours of 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Auditor's Report

No report.

President's Report

President Gerling agreed that the Sandy Remembrance gathering was great for fire service bonding.

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 7:29 p.m.

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