

August 11, 2022

The Chairman announced that as required by The Open Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided which notice specified time and place of meeting. The notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building and mailed to the Daily Record and the Citizen, placed on file at the Township Clerk's Office and on the public notice website for the Montville BOFC District1.

Call to Order

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District # 1, Montville Township, held at the Firehouse 86 River Road, Montville, N.J. This meeting is being held within the regulations and recommended guidelines of the State of New Jersey and the Township of Montville as pertains to the Covid19 virus. Meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M. by Chairman Lewis, who presided. Chairman Lewis pointed out the Fire Exits.

Roll Call

Those present were Commissioners Carl Lewis, Michael Caggiano, Robert Cook, Don Crownover; Chief Ron Baldwin; Fire Official Alex Phostole; Denise Phostole District Clerk and Edward Bitterle.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of July were read and accepted as read. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Cook; seconded by Commissioner Caggiano and carried.

Public Comment

None

Financial Report

The Treasurer gave the financial report and presented the bills for payment; the vouchers were reviewed by the commissioners and paid as follows on a motion made by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Crownover, and carried:

Disbursements August 2022	
Administration	\$ 1,640.27
Benefits	\$ 4,566.81
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 634.00
Equipment repair	\$ 1,007.00
Utilities	\$ 1,885.19
Insurance	\$ 4,943.66
UFSA	\$ 4,069.92
Total Disbursements:	\$ 18,746.85

Commissioners reviewed the final invoice for the ladder truck. Motion to accept financial report was made by Commissioner Crownover; seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried.

Chief's Report

Chief reported that there were 25 fire calls for the month of July, bringing the year-to-date fire calls to 132, and the total year to date activities to 195. The Chief reported that the truck committee went for an inspection on the ladder truck which was not the final inspection due to incomplete items. There has been a change in the dual dispatch with Towaco originally was 7 am to 7 pm now 7 am to 4 pm weekdays only, no weekends. Still having problems with the

radio system when on Turkey Hill. Dispatch problems also continue. Motion to accept Chief's report was made by Commissioner Crownover; seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried.

Fire Official's Report

Fire Official Phostole reported that there was a total of 12 home inspections for the month of July. Fire Official reported that the state group home on Stoneybrook has closed. Fire Inspector Bonnilla will be off on Tuesday for school. He will be picking up hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday as needed. The summer concert series is almost over. Inspections at 150 River are also almost all done. Motion to accept Fire Official's report was made by Commissioner Crownover; seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried.

Correspondence

- Received emails requesting bid results
- Sent bids to lawyer – lawyer is working on bid docs for rebid
- Received email from water department overcharge at station two
- Received final invoice for the ladder truck
- Received filled out OPRA request form

Old Business

Commissioners reviewed the Project Status report. Clerk to send OPRA request to lawyer. Roof needs to go out to rebid based on lawyer review. The bids have been rejected due to concern about clarity of the specifications and a determination that the project should be clarified and rebid.

New Business

Upon advice of their lawyer the commissioners voted to fill the vacancy in the board. Commissioner Cook made a motion to nominate Edward Bitterle to fill the vacant position until the elections in February 2023 at which time he will run for office, seconded by Commissioner Crownover. Mr. Bitterle is a resident of District 1. All in favor

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Caggiano seconded by Commissioner Bitterle and carried. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lewis at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denise Phostole
District 1 Clerk
Montville Township BOFC
District One