# August10, 2023

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 Fire House, Post Office, Library, the Court House, mailed to the Daily Record, and 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. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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, Ed Bitterle and Don Crownover; Chief Jim Longobardi; Acting Fire Official Ron Baldwin, John McGorry, Roger Atkinson and Denise Phostole District Clerk.

## **Minutes**

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

## **Public Comment**

ION bank manager Andrew Karpinecz and bank officer Gabriel Silverio spoke to the group about the ION Bank Positive Pay program and grants awarded by the bank.

## **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 Crownover, seconded by Commissioner Cook, and carried:

Disbursements	August 2023
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Administration	\$ 2,220.38
Benefits	\$ 3,215.10
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 2,068.85
Equipment repair	\$ 163.71
Supplies	\$ 312.20
Utilities	\$ 1,973.18
Insurance	\$ 2,730.58
UFSA	\$ 2,491.26
Total Disbursements:	\$ 15,175.26

Commissioner Caggiano reported that there was a transfer made in the amount of \$25,000 from the ION savings to the ION checking to cover bills. The commissioners reviewed the budget. Commissioner Caggiano requested that the chief work on next year's budget. Motion to accept financial report was made by Commissioner Bitterle; seconded by Commissioner Crownover and carried.

## Chief's Report

The Chief reported that there were 17 fire calls for the month of July, bringing the year-to-date fire calls to 137, and the total year-to-date activities to 189. The Chief received an application for membership from Christopher Maciag. He will be joining Company 2. Notice on Montville moms regarding volunteering for the Fire Department and the First Aid Squad. The Chief is still looking for a company to recycle the Hazmat foam. There is no funding from the county. He will contact Safe Harbor to see what they are charging. The Chief has requested a change to the email address. Motion to accept Chief's report was made by Commissioner Crownover; seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried.

## Fire Official's Report

Fire Official reported a total of 5 changes of occupancy for the month of July. Inspections are continuing. They are working on collecting past due monies from LHUs. The new state system is up and running. They received a listing of the vendors for Montville Day and are working on getting the applications. The commissioners authorized the repair of the Crown Vic. The state has registered the Black Rabbit Saloon. Motion to accept Fire Official's report was made by Commissioner Cook; seconded by Commissioner Crownover and carried.

## **Correspondence**

- Received invoices MO Cleaning, Fire and Safety, Tri-State Technical Services
- Received quote for Crown Vic
- Received Northwest email all sites up and running.
- Quote for three new PCs from Tri-State Technical
- LOSAP contribution information
- Request from Joe Puglisi from district three to be added to the recruitment info.

## **Old Business**

Commissioners reviewed the Project Status report.

#### **New Business**

On a motion made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Crownover the Commissioners accepted the application for membership to Company 2 for Christopher Maciag all in favor. On a motion made by Commissioner Crownover and seconded by Commissioner Caggiano the Commissioners signed an agreement with ION Bank for Positive Pay for one year at \$20.00 per month. All in favor. The Commissioners reviewed the 2022 audit and passed a resolution certifying their receipt of a copy of the audit; they signed the affidavit of audit after reviewing the recommendations of the auditors.

#### Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Bitterle, seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried. The meeting was adjourned by the Commissioner Lewis at 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

District 1 Clerk Montville Township BOFC District One