

February 10, 2022

The Vice 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 7:18 P.M. by Chairman Carl Lewis, who presided. Chairman Lewis pointed out the Fire Exits.

Roll Call

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

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January were read and accepted as read. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Crownover; 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 February 2022	
Administration	\$ 2,258.36
Office Expense	\$ 1,116.00
Capital Appropriation Apparatus	\$ 343,813.00
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 4,145.18
Training	\$ 350.00
Supplies	\$ 390.79
Apparatus repairs	\$ 620.00
Equipment repairs	\$ 205.00
Insurance	\$ 5,143.88
Purchases	\$ 3,051.80
Utilities	\$ 2,624.82
UFSA	\$ 5,073.36
Total Disbursements:	\$ 368,792.19

Commissioner Caggiano reported that he is closing the Lakeland Bank operating account as all outstanding checks have cleared. Two checks were sent for the ladder truck. One from Lincoln 1st in the amount of \$100,000.00 and one from Blue Foundry in the amount of \$243,813.00. The Commissioners reviewed the budget. Motion to accept financial report was made by Commissioner Crownover; seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried.

Chief's Report

Chief Baldwin reported that there were 23 fire calls for the month of January, bringing the year-to-date fire calls to 23, and the total year to date activities to 32. The liter wheel came in for Pyramid Mountain but is not yet in service – the men need to train on it. They are looking for a company to conduct the training. The drovers continue working on the truck checks and inventory. There was an ice rescue/winch class in January hosted by Towaco and Lincoln Park. Training on tools will take place this weekend (02/12/22) Commissioners discussed with the Chief the possibility of assigning duty crews for calls. Crew would consist of a minimum of four - a driver, an officer and two firefighters. Chief will see if this is feasible. When responding to mutual aid calls the department is not to respond with lights and sirens if they will be standing by. Lights and sirens are only to be used if responding to the scene. 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 3 home inspections for the month of January. Received site plans for three large commercial buildings off 202. Following up with Van Riper. Sending out packets for new businesses. Status of the Crown Vic unknown. White house on 202 has a deck in back of the barn – will look into it. Schools are scheduled for inspection in March. Motion to accept Fire Official's report was made by Commissioner Caggiano; seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried.

Correspondence

- Received new contact information for LOSAP; received qualifying list.
- Received invoices from ALM for plowing and Dino George for monitors.
- Received numerous emails from the county regarding the elections; took ballots to Morristown and picked up orange bag.
- Posted adopted budget; advertised the election.
- Received notice from AC Daughtry of potential increase in monthly monitoring fees.
- Received Safety recalls for the Silverado and the Tahoe.
- Received copies of warranties for new ladder truck and information for selling the old truck.

Old Business

The commissioners reviewed the outstanding project status report. Discussed the items. Applications for LOSAP and life insurance are available on line.

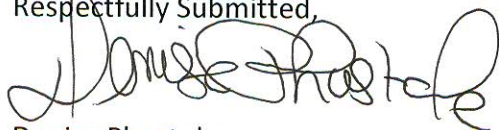
New Business

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of assigning duty crews with Chief Baldwin. Chief will look into it.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Crownover and carried. Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Lewis at 9:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denise Phostole

District 1 Clerk

Montville Township BOFC District One