

April 11, 2019

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 District 1.

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, Robert Purnell, Michael Caggiano, Robert Cook, and Steven Schmidt; Fire Chief Ron Baldwin; Fire Official Joseph Serrecchia and Denise Phostole, District Clerk.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of March 14 were read and accepted as read. The minutes of the special meeting of February 16 were read and accepted as read. Motion to accept March minutes made by Commissioner Purnell, seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried. The minutes of the special meeting of February 16 were read and accepted as read. Motion to accept February minutes made by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt 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 Purnell, seconded by Commissioner Cook, and carried:

Disbursements April 2019	
Administration	\$ 2,166.02
Insurance	\$ 26,521.48
M&R	\$ 501.52
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 85.00
Supplies	\$ 435.48
Utilities	\$ 2,774.55
UFSA	\$ 5,718.18
Total Disbursements:	\$ 38,202.23

Commissioner Caggiano reported that the Boiling Springs account has been changed to two twelve month CDs and interest on the accounts increased to 2%. The tax levy check has been received. Lakeland Bank said that the commissioner's account is considered a business account and therefore they are unable to raise interest rates. Motion to accept the

financial report was made by Commissioner Cook; seconded by Commissioner Purnell, and carried.

Chief's Report

The Chief reported that there had been a total of 16 activities for the month of March, 10 of which were fire calls bringing the total for the year to 58; 40 of which were fire calls. Chief reported that driver training is ongoing. There will also be training in advanced extrication and airbags. Recruitment efforts have been attracting new members. Department has been using Facebook posts for National Volunteer week as well as other forms of social media. The Chief reported that there will be controlled burns at Pyramid Mountain. The men are still experiencing communication problems at the north end of town. Chief is looking into purchasing battery operated hydraulic tools, known as Edraulics. Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Commissioner Purnell, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried.

Fire Official's Report

Fire Official Serrecchia reported that there was a total of 6 home inspections for the month of March. Fire Official reported that he has still has not heard anything from the town regarding the fireworks request by a town resident. Fire Official has requested any and all correspondence on 155 River Road from the state. Inspections have been done at all the schools; there are still outstanding violations that need to be addressed. Dryer vent cleaning remains an issue at Chase and Campagna. Motion to accept the Fire Officials report was made by Commissioner Purnell; seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried.

Correspondence

- Received invoice from Lil Geeks for repair to website (search engines)
- Received letter regarding Workman's Comp renewal from Holmes and McDowell
- Received email from town asking for Commissioners to complete their Financial Disclosure – due April 30
- Received email from accountant regarding audit
- Received quote from R&J Controls for battery replacement on generator
- Received resolution 2019-90 from Town regarding volunteers

Old Business

Roof repairs are complete at station one and three. The gutter on the original roof at station one is in need of repair. Pine Brook reports that they are still having radio problems at Montgomery. Towaco reports no problem. Chief states that communications are still not as clear as they could be at Turkey Hill. John Connelly will be contacting Northeast Communications. Shingles for the roof at station two are being donated, and possibly delivered. Dun Rite agreed to do the roof for the cost of the labor using the donated shingles.

New Business

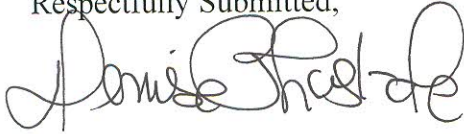
Commissioners discussed a quote received for Workman's Comp insurance from AmTrust that is a considerable savings over the current policy. Motion made by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt to accept quote and move

policy to AmTrust. All in favor. On a motion made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Purnell the commissioners approved the application of Joseph Nanartowicz as a member of Company One. All in favor. Commissioners discussed the condition of the parking lot at station one which is need of repairs or replacement. Commissioner Cook will be speaking to the Township Committee about passing an ordinance to allow District One to use county paving resources. Men are checking into the pricing for the mural on the new rescue truck. Purchases of eight new air bottles, and thirteen air pack upgrades have been made. Men are looking at purchasing battery operated Edraulics.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Purnell and seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lewis at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Phostole". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denise Phostole
District 1 Clerk
Montville Township BOFC
District One