

January 14, 2021

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 7:00 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 Purnell, Robert Cook and Steven Schmidt; Fire Chief Jim Longobardi; Fire Official Alex Phostole and Denise Phostole District Clerk.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of December were read and accepted as read. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Purnell; 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 January 2021	
Administration	\$2,058.07
M&R	\$4,430.60
Supplies	\$649.74
Insurance	\$2,419.52
Utilities	\$6,061.25
UFSA	\$1,844.74
	\$ 17,463.92

Commissioner Caggiano reported the receipt of a refund from the accident and health of \$340.00 deposited into the Kearny Bank. Motion to accept financial report was made by Commissioner Cook; seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried.

Chief's Report

Chief reported that there were 12 fire calls for the month of December, bringing the yearly fire calls to 200, and the total yearly activities to 255. 351 is back in service. 350 is out of service and 352 will be out of service next week. Hydrant flags are almost all installed. Motion to accept Chief's report was made by Commissioner Cook; seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried.

Fire Official's Report

Fire Official Phostole reported that there was a total of 21 home inspections for the month of December. Business is getting completed. The Fire Official would like to hire Ron Baldwin as a daytime inspector upon receipt of his credentials from the state; requested a starting salary of \$18.00 an hour for inspectors. Motion to accept Fire Official's report was made by Commissioner Purnell; seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried.

Correspondence

- Received invoice from Tri-State Technical services for wireless connection at station 3
- Received snow removal contract for 2020-2021 season from ALM

Old Business

Roof at station one still pending. Commissioners discussed the trails at Turkey Hill. Dual Knox box is being looked into for that location. Wi-Fi installation at station 3 has been completed.


New Business

On a motion made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Purnell the introduced 2021 budget was approved. Vouchers have been redesigned for appropriate signatures for the receipt of goods. Commissioners passed a resolution to pay recurring monthly claims not requiring a vendor certification. Commissioners passed a resolution to hire Ron Baldwin as fire inspector.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Purnell seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lewis at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denise Phostole
District 1 Clerk
Montville Township BOFC
District One