

September 12, 2024

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 7:02 P.M. by Chairman Lewis, who presided. Chairman Lewis pointed out the Fire Exits.

Roll Call

Those present were Commissioners Carl Lewis, Michael Caggiano, Don Crownover, Anthony Luciano; Battalion Chief Chris Longobardi; Fire Official Brian Ricci and Denise Phostole District Clerk.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for August were read and accepted as read. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Luciano; seconded by Commissioner Crownover and carried.

Public Comment

John McGorry said that Company 1 has made progress in the cleaning of the Buffalo House. The men are requesting help with the extra costs associated with cleaning the grounds. They presented quotes from Wicks for additional maintenance. On a motion made and passed the commissioners moved to accept and pay for the additional maintenance on the grounds per the quotes received from Wicks. All in favor.

Financial Report

The treasurer presented 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 Luciano, and carried:

Disbursements September 2024	
Administration	\$ 10,379.89
Buildings and grounds	\$ 3,846.33
Insurance	\$ 2,488.44
Benefits	\$ 2,794.26
Purchases	\$ 13,130.07
Equipment repairs	\$ 17,570.76
Utilities	\$ 1,676.06
Supplies	\$ 1,623.97
UFSA	\$ 2,508.52
Total Disbursements:	\$ 56,018.30

Commissioner Caggiano reported the account at Kearny Bank was closed and the funds deposited into the Ion Bank checking account. Letter was sent to ION removing Robert Purnell as a signer on the account. Workers Comp audit is showing a \$12,000 refund due. Motion to accept financial report was made by Commissioner Luciano, seconded by Commissioner Crownover, and carried.

Chief's Report

The Deputy Chief gave the report in the absence of the chief. There were 32 fire calls for the month of August, bringing the year-to-date fire calls to 171 and the total year-to-date activities to 234. Deputy Chief asked about the purchasing of the car; the attempted break in at station one and upgrading security (walk arounds by the police); purchasing of a shed to put outside station two to store tables and chairs and tidy up the bay. Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of a shed and decision was not to purchase at this time. Commissioners were informed that the garage door was broken at station one, and the compressor was not functioning correctly at station two. Motion to accept Chief's report was made by Commissioner Luciano; seconded by Commissioner Caggiano and carried.

Fire Official's Report

The Fire Official reported that the concert series was just finishing up and that Montville day was coming up. The new reporting system from First Due was moving along. They are unable to do the conversion from ESP. The new system should be launched by mid-October. Fire Official Ricci will be resigning in December and recommended Inspector Cowley be promoted to FO. The three districts have reviewed the fees and they will be increasing across the board. They have called a meeting of the JUFCRB. Motion to accept Fire Official's report was made by Commissioner Crownover; seconded by Commissioner Luciano and carried.

Correspondence

- Received an email from the chief regarding an attempted break in at station one.
- Received quotes to upgrade the receivers from Commissioner Connelly
- Received invoices for station one and two to move to LHUs
- Received invoices for Fire and Safety
- Received email from DCA regarding new OPRA request form

Old Business

Commissioners reviewed the Project Status report.

New Business

Commissioner Caggiano discussed changes to the LOSAP reporting for next year. Suggested a separate sheet for training.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commission Crownover, seconded by Commissioner Luciano and carried. The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Lewis at 9:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted



Denise Phostole

District 1 Clerk

Montville Township BOFC District One