

## September 8, 2016

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, and placed on file at the Township Clerk's Office.

### 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 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Berry, who presided. Chairman Berry pointed out the Fire Exits.

### Roll Call

Those present were: Commissioners James Berry, Carl Lewis, Michael Caggiano, Robert Cook, Robert Purnell; Chief Alan Cook; Fire Official Joseph Serrecchia, and Denise Phostole, District Clerk.

### Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of August were read and accepted as read. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Purnell; 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 Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Purnell, and carried:

Disbursements September 2016	
Administration	\$ 1,296.76
M&R	\$ 2,942.13
Supplies	\$ 112.92
Utilities	\$ 1,884.17
UFSA	\$ 4,115.99
Total Disbursements:	\$ 10,351.97

Commissioner Caggiano reported the opening of a new account at Boiling Springs Bank using funds from the operating account. Lakeland Bank CD has been rolled over; the next CD coming due is at Atlantic Stewardship Bank and will come due on November 26. The commissioners reviewed the budget and all is in line for this year. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Commissioner Cook; seconded by Commissioner Purnell, and carried.

### Chief's Report

There were 20 activities for the month of August bringing the year to date total to 159; 101 of which were fire calls. The Chief reported that the department took two first place trophies at the annual Boonton Labor Day parade; the Ladies Auxiliary also took a first place trophy. Nationwide repaired the charger on R1; the ladder truck will roll only on the Chief's call due to a problem with the outrigger. Testing will be taking place on the ladder truck and the hose this month. The men will be attending the 9/11 service on Sunday 9/11 in Montville. LOSAP numbers for 2015 have been posted at the three firehouses. There is a tentative open house scheduled for October 9 at station 1. Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Commissioner Purnell, seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried.

## **Fire Official's Report**

Fire Official reported that all is going well with inspections. There was a total of 15 home inspections for the month of August. The high school's request for a permit for their annual bonfire has been denied because of the water restrictions in effect in Montville. The high school also applied for a waiver of site plan to turn two classrooms into a lounge for the teachers. A letter was sent to Steve Toth at the high school informing him that this request was not the jurisdiction of the fire prevention bureau and that he needed to apply for a waiver from the DCA. The San Genaro festival has passed inspection. Motion to accept Fire Official's report was made by Commissioner Purnell; seconded by Commissioner Cook, and carried.

## **Correspondence**

- Life insurance policy for Thomas Dugan has been paid.
- Received notice from the town regarding water restrictions in place in town.
- Received request for use of company two from Ray George for October 15
- Received VFIS privacy notice.
- Received bids for plowing 2016-2016 season

## **Old Business**

Gutters at company two have been repaired. Thermostat lock boxes have been installed at station three. LOSAP for dual members who have enough credits has been addressed. LOSAP for 2015 came in under budget. Snow plowing bids were opened and reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Cook to award the bid to ALM. All in favor. Clerk to inform ALM and send signed contract.

## **New Business**

Commissioner Berry met with the Workman's Comp inspector and discussed the increase in the policy premium. The increase in the policy premium was due to the two claims that were filed in 2015. According to the inspector the premiums should go back down in the next few years. Chief and Commissioners discussed the rescue on Pyramid Mountain at Tripod Rock that occurred in September and the lack of accessibility to the area. A letter will be sent to the freeholders expressing their concerns about their ability to respond to a rescue call in that area in a timely manner.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Cook and carried. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Berry at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denise Phostole  
District 1 Clerk  
Montville Township BOFC  
District One