

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 2
Minutes of the Agenda and Regular Meetings
Wednesday, April 10, 2013

The Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 met at the Monroe Township Fire District #2 & EMS building, 10 Halsey Reed Road, Monroe Township, New Jersey for an Agenda and Regular Meeting.

Chairman Mahler called the meeting to order with a Salute to the Flag at 7:02 pm. Chairman Mahler asked for a moment of silence for all firefighters and military who have died in the performance of their duties.

UPON ROLL CALL made by Commissioner Martin Berkowitz, the following members of the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were present: Martin Berkowitz, Glenn Borsuk, Maurice Mahler, Edward Mitnowsky and Lawrence Reisch. **ALSO PRESENT:** Board Attorney Richard J. Shaklee, Esquire, and Val Cier, Recording Secretary. There was one career firefighter present: Chief Carbin. There were no one volunteer/support firefighters present. There were no members of the public present.

Chairman Mahler announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, having been published in the newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board of the Office of the Township Clerk.

AGENDA MEETING

Chairman Mahler asked the board to review the minutes. Commissioner Borsuk had two corrections to the minutes.

Chairman Mahler asked the board to review claims against the board. There was discussion on copier lease. It's on a three year lease, which ends in August. Chief Carbin will continue with same type of copier.

Chairman Mahler asked if the board had any correspondence. Attorney Shaklee reported that he had sent Mr. Vokal, of Middlesex County, a list of properties within Monroe Township and it had all three districts included. Mr. Vokal left Attorney Shaklee a voicemail response. Mr. Vokal is asking the Monroe municipal clerk to get a list of all registered voters and their corresponding fire districts in Monroe. Attorney Shaklee called him to let him know he sent all 3 districts to Mr. Vokal. They will get a list from Monroe tax accessor. They have the primary in June so they will need to work on it after June.

Mr. Hamilton didn't attend the league of women voters meeting. Mr. Liebowtiz stated the township will pay for the township chief salary. Mr. Liebowitz stated that the fire district election isn't really an election because not many voters come out for it. Chairman Mahler suggested putting a full page ad with all three districts, noting where all voters live and where should vote.

Commissioner Reisch reported on the League of Women Voters meeting. He said one item that came up at the meeting was the 15 commissioners. District 2 board stated that if there was a consolidation it would require all three districts. Commissioner Reisch said to Ruth Banks to

call the state senator and assemblyman to change the vote to November instead of February.

Commissioner Berkowitz also mentioned that with consolidation it will not reduce taxes. There are so many requirements in the budget.

Commissioner Reisch felt Chairman Mahler's suggestion for a full page ad is a good idea. The board should also look at getting something published for nothing (no cost). Go to the Princeton Packet for a press release for all 3 districts, with the date/time/polling places to go into every senior community covering all 3 districts. If Ruth Banks can get an ad in all the senior papers, there is no reason why they can't get do it for the board. Commissioner Reisch suggested getting a press release in the Sentinel, comes out once per week. Chairman Mahler stated they would be willing to publish. Also contact the places that don't have the Princeton Packet, like the Ponds, Stonebridge, and Cranbury Crossing. These are all papers that should publish for nothing.

Commissioner Reisch would like to have large signs put up February 1st by the new senior center, with approval from township. Try to obtain free publicity in Home News and Cranbury Press. Commissioner Borsuk offered to write up the ad. He will share with Les Barta, District 3, and Charlie DiPierro, District 1.

Commissioner Mitnowsky mentioned District 3 has a full page ad in some flyer/magazine that is in the township. He will find out if they pay for it.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Borsuk
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky
Aye Reisch

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Mahler called the regular meeting to order with a Salute to the Flag at 7:34 pm.

Chairman Mahler asked for a moment of silence for all firefighters and military who have died in the performance of their duties.

UPON ROLL CALL made by Commissioner Martin Berkowitz, the following members of the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were present: Martin Berkowitz, Glenn Borsuk, Maurice Mahler, Edward Mitnowsky and Lawrence Reisch.
ALSO PRESENT: Board Attorney Richard J. Shaklee, Esquire, and Val Cier, Recording Secretary.
There was one career firefighter present: Chief Carbin.
There were no volunteer firefighters/support present.
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READING OF RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion to adopt the following Resolutions on a second reading, by title only. Attorney Shaklee stated the board will do a consent agenda, where all the resolutions will be adopted at once since they have been read at the previous meeting:

- Resolution Establishing Compensation for members of the Board
- Resolution Establishing Compensation for Board Attorney
- Resolution Establishing Compensation for Board Accountant/Auditor
- Resolution Establishing Compensation for Recording Secretary

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Lawrence Reisch, a motion was adopted to approve the Resolutions Establishing Compensation for members of the Board, Board Attorney, Board Accountant/Auditor and Recording Secretary, by title only.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Borsuk
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky
Aye Reisch

MINUTES

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion on the Minutes.

UPON MOTION MADE by Lawrence Reisch and seconded by Glenn Borsuk, a motion was adopted to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 agenda and regular meetings, as amended.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Borsuk
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky
Aye Reisch

CLAIMS AGAINST THE BOARD

Chairman Mahler asked the board to review the claims against the board.

Commissioner Reisch read the report:

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| General Operating Claims Total | \$415,655.76 |
| Capital Project Claims Total | \$0.00 |
| Net Payroll Claims Total | \$ 66,025.92 |
| Total Claims Against the Board | \$481,681.68 |

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UPON MOTION MADE by Lawrence Reisch and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, claims against the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were approved in the amount of \$481,681.68.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

Aye Borsuk
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky
Aye Reisch

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked for the treasurer's report.

Commissioner Reisch reported the following as of April 10, 2013

Hudson City Savings Bank:

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| Unrestricted Funds | \$905,607.31 |
| Restricted Funds | \$246,080.15 |
| Capital Projects | \$22,364.81 |
| Cash on Hand | \$170.00 |
| Total Balance | \$1,174,492.27 |

Hudson Savings Bank is being taken over by M&T either this month or next month. Commissioner Reisch will be going in to confirm that M&T has GUDPA.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Mahler stated correspondence was read at the agenda meeting.

7:39pm Les Barta arrived.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked for the Fire Prevention Report.

Chief Carbin reported the following:

- Reviewed Incident run log calls
- Waiting for a pulley for generator at Applegarth due to wear. Generator is 15 years old. Trying to find manufacturer that has part.
- New lights on 572
- Chief has all the 2013 Resolutions signed and will keep all Resolutions on sight at firehouse.

APPLEGARTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Volunteers were not present.

MEETING OPEN TO THE BOARD

Commissioner Reisch mentioned he was getting calls and letters from North American power. They are advertising an introductory rate of .799, and every month it changes. The rates can change every month. Commissioner Reisch asked the rates for last 6 months. He learned they

had nothing lower than 1195 for the past 6 months. Commissioner Reisch has been paying .95 for past 2 years with Dominion Resources.

Chairman Mahler called about selling SRECs. They are waiting to get a group together for a better rate before selling.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Mahler opened the meeting to the public. Public had no questions.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Mahler announced the need to hold an executive session at for the purpose of contract negotiations, resolution read by Attorney Shaklee.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Lawrence Reisch, to hold an executive session for the purpose of pending contract negotiations.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

Aye Borsuk
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky
Aye Reisch

REOPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC

Chairman Mahler opened the meeting to the public. There was no public present.

ADJOURN

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion to adjourn.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Lawrence Reisch, the meeting was adjourned.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

Aye Borsuk
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky
Aye Reisch

EDWARD MITNOWSKY
Board Secretary
MAURICE MAHLER
Chairman

NOTE: Appendixes can be obtained upon request from the Board Secretary.

PREPARED BY: Val Cier