

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 2
Minutes of the Agenda and Regular Meetings
Tuesday, April 11, 2012

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 7:00 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, Maurice Mahler, Edward Mitnowsky and Lawrence Reisch. Commissioner Borsuk was not in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Board Attorney Richard J. Shaklee, Esquire.

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

AGENDA MEETING

Chairman Mahler asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. Commissioner Reisch and Attorney Shaklee had a few grammatical corrections.

Chairman Mahler asked the board to review the Claims against the Board. Chairman Mahler mentioned there have been problems with the phone system and he will ask the Chief to consider holding payment for \$700, if possible, until it's been discussed further.

Chairman Mahler provided an update on the building committee. Chairman Mahler spoke to Santorini because the tiles on the ceiling of the EMS section still has stains where there was a leak. They are slow in their response. The board only sent a half payment. There are still problems with roof leak as well and the board has a maintenance bond.

Chairman Mahler reported that Correspondence and Treasurer's report will be read at the regular meeting. Attorney Shaklee stated there will also be two resolutions that need to be passed at the regular meeting.

UPON MOTION MADE by Martin Berkowitz and seconded by Maurice Mahler, the agenda meeting was adjourned.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky
Aye Reisch

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Mahler called the regular meeting to order with a Salute to the Flag at 7:30pm.

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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 Lawrence Reisch and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, 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 Mahler

Aye Mitnowsky

Aye Reisch

MINUTES

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion on the Minutes.

UPON MOTION MADE by Ed Mitnowsky and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, a motion was adopted to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2012 agenda and regular meetings, as amended.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

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:

General Operating Claims Total \$368,509.91

Capital Project Claims Total \$0.00

Net Payroll Claims Total \$ 98,768.20

Total Claims Against the Board \$467,278.11

March 10, 2011 – April 15, 2011

UPON MOTION MADE by Lawrence Reisch and seconded by Ed Mitnowsky, claims against the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were approved in the amount of \$467,278.11.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

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 13, 2012

Hudson City Savings Bank:

Unrestricted Funds	\$542,640.55
Restricted Funds	\$246,080.15
Capital Projects	\$58,054.41
Cash on Hand	\$170.00
Total Balance	\$846,945.11

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked to do all the building resolutions, as a consent agenda.

Chairman Mahler reported that they continue to speak to Santorini and the response has been slow. The last letter sent by Attorney Shaklee was in February or March. Santorini only responded to a few of the items in the letter. The board is still waiting for resolution of leaks.

Chairman Mahler also would like further research on the Pro-Media bill for \$700 and will speak to the Chief about the bill.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Mahler asked Mr. Olinsky to read the correspondence he wrote to the board regarding the current and trained Fire Police and their need for proper equipment.

Mr. Olinsky has had meetings with Chief Carbin and Assistant Chief Glenn Borsuk, who both fully support the fire police. Chairman Mahler asked if Mr. Olinsky has had a meeting with Police Chief Kraivec. Chairman Mahler stated what the fire police do is fabulous, but had a concern about attending a MVA when the police department is there. Mr. Olinsky stated when they go to a MVA, they report to the highest police officer to determine where they can assist. That was done when they assisted in South Amboy, and the police chief there appreciated their assistance.

Mr. Olinsky would like the board to provide some start up money to prove their worth. Chairman Mahler asked if there is a budget created. Mr. Olinsky had met with Chief Carbin and he said he would help in determining equipment and cost. Mr. Olinsky stated the board is paying for the training at the fire academy. There are 14 fire police now. Chairman Mahler suggested getting jackets and it will show the board/department supports the fire police.

Commissioner Mitnowsky asked what the fire police need immediately. Mr. Olinsky stated they need reflective vests, hats, gloves, and flashlights. Chairman Mahler would like them to have something that has the fire department patch. Five vests had been purchased and it cost \$250.

Chairman Mahler suggested getting with Chief Carbin to create the budget. The police chief can say he doesn't want the fire police involved. The fire police should have a meeting with the police chief as well.

Mr. Cronin stated the fire police should be equipped before meeting with the police chief. Commissioner Reisch disagreed – you need agreement by police chief since you'll be working in collaboration with police. Mr. Olinsky stated he would go to Mayor if police chief isn't supportive. Commissioner Reisch is willing to support the fire police but would like agreement by police chief.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT

Chairman Mahler reviewed the Fire Prevention Report on behalf of Chief Carbin:

- Reviewed incident report log – 50 calls
- Registered 26 new businesses in the district
- Still waiting on the plaque for the truck
- Second portion of missed ratable came in and was deposited

APPLEGARTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Chairman Mahler asked for a report from the Applegarth Volunteers.

President Dennis Cronin read from prior minutes that board was getting new fire prevention vehicle and the volunteers were getting the fire department car. Mr. Cronin wanted to know if the car can be dedicated to the fire police. Chairman Mahler asked Mr. Cronin to speak to the Chief about it. It may require new decals placed on it.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Mahler opened the meeting to the public. No questions from the public.

MEETING OPEN TO THE BOARD

Chairman Mahler opened the meeting to the board. There was no further discussion from the board.

ADJOURN

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion to adjourn.

UPON MOTION MADE by Maurice Mahler and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the meeting was adjourned.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky
Aye Reisch

MARTIN BERKOWITZ
Board Secretary
MAURICE MAHLER
Chairman

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

PREPARED BY: Val Cier