

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 2
Minutes of the Agenda and Regular Meetings
Wednesday, May 14, 2014

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, police and military, who have died in the performance of their duties.

UPON ROLL CALL made by Commissioner Jason Martin, the following members of the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were present: Martin Berkowitz, Glenn Borsuk, Maurice Mahler, Jason Martin and Edward Mitnowsky.

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/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 a few minor corrections.

Chairman Mahler asked the board to Review claims against the board. No discussion. Chairman Mahler asked the board to if there was any correspondence. Commissioner Martin has correspondence. Chairman Mahler suggested bringing it up at the regular meeting.

Chairman Mahler stated there will be a closed session tonight.

7:05pm President Dunham arrived.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Mahler called the regular meeting to order with a Salute to the Flag at 7:30 pm. Chairman Mahler asked for a moment of silence for all who lost their lives on 9/11.

UPON ROLL CALL made by Commissioner Jason Martin, the following members of the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were present: Martin Berkowitz, Glenn Borsuk, Maurice Mahler, Jason Martin and Edward Mitnowsky.

ALSO PRESENT: Board Attorney Richard J. Shaklee, Esquire, and Val Cier, Recording Secretary.

There was one career firefighters present: Chief Carbin

There was one volunteer/support firefighters present. Jeff Dunham.

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.

MINUTES

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion on the Minutes.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Jason Martin, a motion was adopted to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014 agenda and regular meetings, as amended.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

Aye Borsuk

Aye Mahler

Aye Martin

Aye Mitnowsky

CLAIMS AGAINST THE BOARD

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

Commissioner Borsuk questioned the large amount of the pension contribution. Last month there was no claim for pension. March contribution was \$13,000. If it's two months, it would still be incorrect.

Commissioner Berkowitz read the report:

General Operating Claims Total	\$449,666.97
Net Payroll Claims Total	\$ 70,004.43
Total Claims Against the Board	\$519,671.40
Period ending May 14, 2014	

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, claims against the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were approved in the amount of \$519,671.40, with the provision that the check for the PFRS pension be verified before paying.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked for the treasurer's report.

Commissioner Berkowitz reported the following as of May 14, 2014.

Hudson City Savings Bank:
Undesignated Funds \$799,456.12
Designated Funds \$228,789.33
Total Balance \$1,028,245.45

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Mahler asked for the correspondence to be read. Commissioner Martin read two thank you letters addressed to the Chief:

Letter dated 4.29.14 from the Township Fire Marshall regarding a Woodbridge township fire where FD#2 provided mutual aid. Thanks and appreciation from Mike Gallagher, Fire Marshal.

Letter dated 5.3.14 from Keasby Fire Dept. (Woodbridge) and another letter of thanks to FD#2 for responding as mutual aid.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked for the Fire Prevention Report.

Chief Carbin reported on the following:

- Reviewed Incident log
- Repairs on tower, 571 had manifold break, and transmission on 574
- Firefighter Crocker passed his EMT course with 94 on the test

APPLEGARTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

President Dunham reported:

- Looking forward to mandatory drills coming up
- Training going well for new firefighters

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Mahler stated there was a need for a closed session.

Resolution read by Attorney Shaklee for closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations, consolidation and anticipated litigation.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the board went into a closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations, consolidation and anticipated litigation.

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

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Ed Mitnowsky, to end the closed session.

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

RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Mahler re-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 Jason Martin, the meeting was adjourned.

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

JASON MARTIN
Board Secretary
MAURICE MAHLER
Chairman

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

PREPARED BY: Val Cier