

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 2
Minutes of the Agenda and Regular Meetings
Wednesday, October 9, 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 7:00 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 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 and Edward Mitnowsky. Lawrence Reisch was not present.

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. The board had no corrections.

Chairman Mahler asked the board to Review claims against the board. Commissioner Borsuk mentioned the electric bill is still high around \$3000 and questioned if solar panels are working. Chairman Mahler stated the board has been getting SRECs but the value has gone down. More homes are getting solar panels and the men need to be aware for firefighting.

Chairman Mahler asked if there was any correspondence. Commissioner Berkowitz has one letter that can be read at the regular meeting.

Chairman Mahler stated there will be a need for a short Executive Session tonight.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Borsuk
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky

REGULAR MEETING

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MINUTES

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion on the Minutes.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, a motion was adopted to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 agenda and regular meetings.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Borsuk
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky

CLAIMS AGAINST THE BOARD

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

Commissioner Berkowitz read the report:

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| General Operating Claims Total | \$210,217.27 |
| Capital Projects Claims Total | \$ 0.00 |
| Net Payroll Claims Total | \$ 80,072.95 |
| Total Claims Against the Board | \$290,290.22 |

Period ending October 11, 2013

UPON MOTION MADE by Martin Berkowitz and seconded by Glenn Borsuk, claims against the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were approved in the amount of \$290,290.22.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Borsuk
Aye Mahler
Aye Mitnowsky

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked for the treasurer's report.

Commissioner Berkowitz reported the following as of October 11, 2013

Hudson City Savings Bank:

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| Undesignated Funds | \$1,064,360.47 |
| Designated Funds | \$ 228,789.33 |
| Total Balance | \$1,293,149.80 |

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Mahler asked for the correspondence to be read.

Commissioner Berkowitz read a letter of thanks received by the Anderko family, in Fire District 1, for responding to a structure fire at their home May 20th.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked for the Fire Prevention Report.

Chief Carbin reported the following:

- Large Scale Incident Training done for career staff
- Scheduling mandatory training for volunteers
- 77 smoke detector tests ahead from last year
- Reviewed incident run log- 79 incidents for month (97 up from last year)
- Commissioner Borsuk was top responders for volunteers
- Water pump was done on the tower; 571 repairs were done today; plaque is on truck
- Next month's meeting, discuss pickup truck at 130 Applegarth, it's no longer good. Have a special vote to replace with a new truck using state contract- Ford with Utility body and plow. Not to exceed \$60,000. Truck with plow is \$33,000. The radios create the extra cost. It can pull fire prevention trailer. The pickup truck at 10 Halsey Reed Rd location can go to 130 Applegarth Rd. Would like to put the old truck on us.gov.bid website. Attorney Shaklee will check to see if it is permitted. At November 13th meeting, the board can have a special meeting for public vote.
- Township radio communications are in budget. Department needs to put in \$40,500 for radios to be compatible with other areas, such as the East Brunswick system. Upgrade is needed in order to be programed for digital.
- Made great strides with new police chief.
- Begin Tuesday of next week with fire prevention in schools. Afternoon's men will be doing confined space training.
- Jason Martin provided a quote for kiosk. The new company is out of Boulder, CO. The original solar provider went bankrupt. Upgrades and service maintenance is about \$2800 for solar kiosk. Chairman Mahler questioned if there was a warranty with Sun Electric. Chief Carbin stated that the piece that is broken is from Setcom, which is out of business.

APPLEGARTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

There were no volunteers present.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one from the public present.

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 collective bargaining negotiation.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the board went into a closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining negotiations.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

Aye Borsuk

Aye Mahler

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 Mahler

Aye Mitnowsky

ADJOURN

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion to adjourn.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Ed Mitnowsky, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

Aye Borsuk

Aye Mahler

Aye Mitnowsky

ED MITNOWSKY
Board Secretary
MAURICE MAHLER
Chairman

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

PREPARED BY: Val Cier