

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 2
Minutes of the Agenda and Regular Meetings
Wednesday, November 14, 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 7:01 pm. Chairman Mahler asked for a moment of silence for all who have died in the performance of their duties during the hurricane.

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 and Lawrence Reisch. Glenn Borsuk and Edward Mitnowsky were not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Board Attorney Richard J. Shaklee, Esquire, and Val Cier, Recording Secretary. There were no career firefighters present.

There was one volunteer/support firefighters present: Ben Vivona.

There were many 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 emailed a correction to page one.

The board reviewed the claims against the board. There were no questions on the claims. Chairman Mahler reported that John Santorini's property was wiped out during the hurricane. Chairman Mahler stated there are still some problems with the doors in the bay and he will talk to Chief Carbin. There is also water flowing down from the field by the back generator. It may be an engineering issue. Attorney Shaklee stated someone will need to review the issue and the board may need to bid for an engineer.

Commissioner Berkowitz sent out a check to the board of elections and he will need a budget figure for the ballot. Commissioner Reisch will provide the budget amount at the next meeting. Commissioner Berkowitz stated the board will need to be careful about designation for Renaissance since there wasn't a separate voting list last year.

Commissioner Reisch mentioned the need to review the requirements for township fire chief. Commissioner Reisch has the chief requirements and asked if Attorney Shaklee had received them. Attorney Shaklee received the chief application documents and had made a note of some wording to be changed. Commissioner Reisch thought the application was supposed to be on website by 12/1/12, and the application packet can be viewed and printed from each fire department website, with a reply by 1/31/13. Although, the board needs to wait for the township so the application cannot be put on the websites. If we stall until April, the district

saves 3 months of the township chief's salary.

Chairman Mahler stated that Linda Greenstein will be here later tonight for the Concordia residents meeting that will begin at 8pm. Many Concordia residents were in the audience.

Mr. Vivona asked if the township chief position will be a civil service position. The board responded that it will not be civil service job.

Chairman Mahler asked if there was an updated from the volunteers. Mr. Vivona stated there were no problems with the Applegarth firehouse after the hurricane. There is a problem with a door, but they can't find the part. If the part is found, it would be an inexpensive repair. The fire department will purchase parts for the repair.

Mr. Vivona stated in March a motion was passed to get cable for the Applegarth firehouse, and questioned what cable plan can they get. Chairman Mahler asked Mr. Vivona to wait until the chief gets back to discuss cable package.

UPON MOTION MADE by Lawrence Reisch and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Mahler
Aye Reisch

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 those who have died in the hurricane in the performance of their duties.

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MINUTES

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion on the Minutes.

UPON MOTION MADE by Lawrence Reisch and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, a motion was adopted to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012 agenda and regular meetings, as amended.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Mahler
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	\$155,756.30
Capital Project Claims Total	\$0.00
Net Payroll Claims Total	\$132,673.05
Total Claims Against the Board	\$288,429.35

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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 \$288,429.35.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Mahler
Aye Reisch

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked for the treasurer's report.

Commissioner Reisch reported the following as of November 14, 2012

Hudson City Savings Bank:

Unrestricted Funds	\$551,226.35
Restricted Funds	\$246,080.15
Capital Projects	\$47,239.79
Cash on Hand	\$170.00
Total Balance	\$844,716.29

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Mahler introduced the board of commissioners at the meeting, including Commissioner Borsuk and Mitnowsky, recording secretary Val Cier, and Attorney Rich Shaklee. Chief Carbin was not present, but on a well deserved vacation for all his hard work during the hurricane.

Commissioner Reisch mentioned to the audience that the board has started the budget process, and there is no increase on the fire district tax next year. Chairman Mahler mentioned the upper right corner of the tax bill will give the fire tax breakdown. Monroe township has 43 square miles. District 2 has the largest area of the township to cover.

Commissioner Reisch mentioned he has a meeting Monday with 2 corporate people from Capital one bank, since he is not happy with the interest rates at Hudson City bank. Commissioner Reisch stated he is looking to increase the percent of money earned for the fire district.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Mahler asked for the correspondence to be read. Commissioner Berkowitz had no correspondence.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT

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

- 111 calls this month
- Chief ran 7 calls from his truck phone and portable phones
- Chief in EOC for 36 hours (total 86 hours for week)
- Blood drive at station on 12/15
- Visited all care facilities after the hurricane to verify operations
- Ordered fuel for "The Gardens" since they were running out for their generators to care for residents/patients.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Noris Sotialo asked the date and time of the blood drive. Chairman Mahler stated the Chief will send flyers to the communities and provide to the Concierge.

APPLEGARTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Mr. Vivona reported on behalf of the volunteers, he didn't believe there was any damage. They will take care of the door lock, and he will speak to the chief about the cable.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Mahler stated there was no need for a closed session.

ADJOURN

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion to adjourn.

UPON MOTION MADE by Lawrence Reisch and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the meeting was adjourned.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz
Aye Mahler
Aye Reisch

MARTIN BERKOWITZ
Board Secretary
MAURICE MAHLER
Chairman

NOTE: Appendixes can be obtained upon request from the Board Secretary.
PREPARED BY: Val Cier