

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 2
Minutes of the Agenda and Regular Meetings
Wednesday, November 9, 2011

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 7:05 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 were no career firefighters present. There were no volunteer/support firefighters present. There were two members of the public present: Mike Konowitz and Harold Dower.

Chairman Mahler announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, having been published in the April 1, 2011 and October 29, 2011 newspapers, posted on the bulletin board of the Office of the Township Clerk, and notices sent to those requesting such.

AGENDA MEETING

Chairman Mahler announced there will be a public vote at the regular meeting tonight. Attorney Shaklee stated the question to the voters will be “should \$30,000 be placed in the capital appropriations portion of the Monroe Township Fire District No. 2’s 2012 budget for the purpose of purchasing a 2012 Tahoe 4WD, or other similar vehicle from the New Jersey State Contract?”

Chairman Mahler asked if there were any corrections to last month’s minutes. Commissioners Borsuk and Reisch had corrections to various pages of the minutes.

7:12pm Arrival of Dennis Cronin, Mel Nudelman, Norman Olinsky, John Fichera, and Charlie DiPierro, Ben Vivona.

Chairman Mahler reported there will be a closed session tonight. Chairman Mahler also reported that the board received another check for \$2,000.00, for the solar.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

Aye Borsuk

Aye Mahler

Aye Mitnowsky

Aye Reisch

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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 were no career firefighters present. There were five volunteer firefighters/support members present: Dennis Cronin, Norman Olinsky, Mel Nudelman, Ben Vivona and John Fichera. There were three members of the public present: Charlie DiPierro, Mike Konowitz, and Harold Dower.

Chairman Mahler announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, having been published in the April 1, 2011 and October 29, 2011 newspapers, posted on the bulletin board of the Office of the Township Clerk, and notices sent to those requesting such.

PUBLIC VOTE

Chairman Mahler announced the need for a public vote - the question to the voters will be "should \$30,000 be placed in the capital appropriations portion of the Monroe Township Fire District No. 2's 2012 budget for the purpose of purchasing a 2012 Tahoe 4WD, or other similar vehicle from the New Jersey State Contract?"

Registered members of the public, of Fire District, 2 voted by ballot on the question above.

MINUTES

Chairman Mahler asked for a motion on the Minutes.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Lawrence Reisch, a motion was adopted to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 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:

General Operating Claims Total	\$154,647.54
Capital Project Claims Total	\$0.00
Net Payroll Claims Total	\$109,033.64
Total Claims Against the Board	\$263,681.18

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UPON MOTION MADE by Lawrence Reisch and seconded by Glenn Borsuk, claims against the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were approved in the amount of \$263,681.18.

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 November 11, 2011

Hudson City Savings Bank:

Unrestricted Funds	\$113,493.31
Restricted Funds	\$375,989.83
Capital Projects	\$66,213.68
Cash on Hand	\$170.00
Total Balance	\$555,866.82

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Chairman Mahler reported that Santorini construction will be here for a walk through the week of December 16th, and will see if they can come later in the day so Commissioner Borsuk can be present (after 4pm).

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked for the Fire Prevention Report.

Commissioner Borsuk reported on behalf of Chief Carbin the following:

- Training continues on the new truck
- Did school presentation at Oak Tree
- Reviewed Incident run log calls
- Doing presentation on November 16th at Stonebridge
- Overturned tractor trailer and recovery/DOA
- Insurance meeting held here today and Chief Carbin gave a tour today

Commissioner Borsuk spoke to Mr. Dower about his OPRA request. Mr. Dower said his initial OPRA request was April 20, 2011. It took 6 ½ months to get a response. Attorney Shaklee said part of the delay was due to the question Mr. Dower needed to bring back. There were some questions by the government records council as to why the request was being made, it created the delay in bring back the answers to the request. Mr. Dower brought the answers back to the board on September 14th.

Attorney Shaklee stated if those are the questions that determine if it has to be approved or denied, the recommendation is to check with the government records council now. It took Mr. Dower from April to September to answer questions. Attorney Shaklee didn't know why it took from September to November to respond by the board to Mr. Dower. Chairman Mahler stated the board usually responds quickly and apologizes if it took longer than expected. The board will have it to Mr. Dower tomorrow.

APPLEGARTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

President Dennis Cronin reported:

- 2 probationary members are in Mercer Fire Academy
- Commissioner Borsuk stated no monies have come in from insurance, but it will pay for everything. The old boiler/water heater have been removed. The room is being sheet rocked. The new boiler/water heater will come in on Friday. Albatron company was recommended by insurance company and references spoke well of the company. Commissioner Borsuk did a walk through with company last night. The firehouse should get a contract from them next week.

Chairman Mahler stated the board is getting information for lightening strikes for new building and should consider for old firehouse too. Company recommended board getting their own electrician.

Mr. Cronin asked the board if the car the volunteers are receiving will be in proper service before volunteers receive. Chairman Mahler will have Tom Schauer look over the car. Mr. Cronin stated there is a car seat at the firehouse for 572 and would like to know if Tom Schauer can replace that too. Commissioner Borsuk will talk to Tom Schauer about it.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

The outcome of the public vote: Should \$30,000.00 be placed in the capital appropriations portion of the Monroe Township Fire District No. 2 2012 budget for the purpose of purchasing a 2012 Tahoe 4WD, or other similar vehicle from the New Jersey State Contract?

There were 11 votes cast: 10 votes of yes; 1 vote of no. Results were announced to the public.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Mahler announced the need to hold an executive session. Attorney Shaklee read the Resolution for an Executive Session for the purposes of pending anticipated litigation.

UPON MOTION MADE by Maurice Mahler and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the board went into executive session for the purpose of pending anticipated litigation.

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

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

MARTIN BERKOWITZ
Board Secretary
MAURICE MAHLER
Chairman

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