

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 2
Minutes of the Agenda and Regular Meetings
Wednesday, August 8, 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 7:05 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 was one volunteer/support firefighters present: Ben Vivona

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 and Commissioner Reisch had corrections to various pages of the minutes.

Chairman Mahler asked the board to review claims against the board. Chairman Mahler mentioned he met someone that will provide lower rates for dumpster cost. Board reviewed the dumpster claim on page 2. Chairman Mahler will provide the name to Chief Carbin. Commissioner Reisch stated the existing company has to be given an opportunity to meet the price too.

Commissioner Mitnowsky stated the electric bill was very high this month. Commissioner Borsuk stated that many lights are based on sensors when you walk in the room they go on automatically. Commissioner Mitnowsky mentioned there are rooms with lights on when people are not in room. Firefighters need to pay more attention to turning off the lights. Chairman Mahler said they will need to mention to the Chief.

Commissioner Reisch questioned the fire suppression connection claim. Commissioner Borsuk stated it is the standby charge for the larger connection going into sprinkler system. Commissioner Borsuk questioned why the second quarter hydrant bill is so much more than

the third quarter. He found claim where one is a regular claim and one is for fire suppression and 8 quarters of back pay. The board has been paying water bills, but Commissioner Borsuk looked at last month's claims and found this is the first time a bill received for fire suppression in 2 years.

7:13pm-Dennis Cronin and Firefighter Crocker arrived.

7:17pm-Lt. Riley arrived.

Chairman Mahler asked if there was a check for Santorini, he had asked Dan Carlstrom to cut a check. Chairman Mahler will call Mr. Carlstrom tomorrow, and mentioned the building faired very well in storms.

Chairman Mahler reported there will be a closed session tonight for township consolidation meeting discussion.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Martin Berkowitz, the agenda meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

Aye Borsuk

Aye Mahler

Aye Mitnowsky

Aye Reisch

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Mahler called the regular meeting to order with a Salute to the Flag at 7:34 pm.

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

There was one career firefighter present: Lt. Riley

There were two volunteer firefighters/support present: Dennis Cronin and Ben Vivona

There was one member of the public present: Les Barta

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 Lawrence Reisch, a motion was adopted to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2012 agenda and regular meetings, as amended.

ROLL CALL: Aye Berkowitz

Aye Borsuk

Aye Mahler

Aye Mitnowsky

Aye Reisch

7:34pm Les Barta arrived

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	\$193,792.32
Capital Project Claims Total	\$0.00
Net Payroll Claims Total	\$ 72,731.90
Total Claims Against the Board	\$266,524.13

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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 \$266,524.13.

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 August 8, 2012

Hudson City Savings Bank:

Unrestricted Funds	\$476,205.57
Restricted Funds	\$246,080.15
Capital Projects	\$58,165.75
Cash on Hand	\$170.00
Total Balance	\$780,621.47

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Mahler asked for the correspondence to be read.

Commissioner Berkowitz reported that he had sent letters to 28 individuals and dignitaries-assembly, town council, mayor, board of directors and Bill Baroni, for the 9/11 memorial ceremony at firehouse. Commissioner Berkowitz stated he will need complete information and addresses of guests to prepare future invitations and letters.

Commissioner Borsuk read a letter of thanks to the Chief from Robert Hishman, section 4 of Clearbrook, for responding to a recent fire in Clearbrook.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT

Chairman Mahler asked for the Fire Prevention Report.

Commissioner Borsuk reported on behalf of Chief Carbin the following:

- 92 calls for month-high volume-15 structures
- Awaiting price from Crown Trophy
- Attended opening ceremony at James Monroe Park
- Preparing for 9.11 ceremony
- SOG in process for fire police
- Chief hasn't heard from Wayne Hamilton regarding insurance reimbursement
- Waiting for bill from Alana for AFG grant
- New fire prevention vehicle will be here soon
- Narrow banding of pagers beginning tomorrow
- National night out was last night

Commissioner Reisch mentioned that Wayne Hamilton promised \$4800 for the townships

portion of the money due to the board, after the election from township that still hasn't been received. Commissioner Reisch would like to talk to the Chief to get all his correspondence on the topic and have a letter sent by Attorney Shaklee requesting the funds from the township. The board was in agreement

APPLEGARTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

President Dennis Cronin stated no news to report.

MEETING OPEN TO THE BOARD

Chairman Mahler opened the meeting to the board and reported the District 3 meeting will be next Tuesday. Chairman Mahler may stop in to the meeting which starts at 7pm.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Mahler announced the need to hold an executive session at for the purpose of pending contract negotiations, resolution read by Attorney Shaklee.

UPON MOTION MADE by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Lawrence Reisch, to hold an executive session for the purpose of pending contract negotiations.

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.

PREPARED BY: Val Cier