

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 2
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 9, 2017

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 the Regular Meeting.

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order with a Salute to the Flag at 7:00 pm. Chairman Martin asked for a moment of silence for all firefighters, EMS, police and military, who have died in the performance of their duties.

UPON ROLL CALL made by Commissioner Martin, the following members of the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were present: Michael Frisch, Maurice Mahler, Jason Martin and Robert McGee. Chief Carbin and Commissioner Borsuk were absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Board Attorney Richard Shaklee, Esquire, and Val Cier, Recording Secretary. There was four career firefighters present: Lt. Riley, Firefighters Cackowski, Nuber, and Whalen. There were no volunteer/support firefighters present. There were no members of the public present.

Chairman Martin announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, having been published newspaper, posted on the bulletin board of the Office of the Township Clerk and notices sent to those requesting such.

MINUTES

Chairman Martin asked for a motion on the Minutes.

UPON MOTION MADE by Maurice Mahler and seconded by Mike Frisch, a motion was adopted to approve the minutes, as amended, of the July 12, 2017 regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: Aye Frisch
Aye Mahler
Aye Martin
Aye McGee

CLAIMS AGAINST THE BOARD & TREASURERS REPORT

Chairman Martin asked the board to review the claims against the board and for the treasurer's report.

Commissioner Frisch read the report:

General Operating Claims Total	\$215,912.41
Net Payroll Claims Total	\$ 83,694.08
Total Claims Against the Board	\$299,606.49
Period ending August 11, 2017	

M&T Bank:

Undesignated Funds	\$902,655.04
Designated Funds	\$168,789.33
Total Balance	\$1,071,444.37

UPON MOTION MADE by Robert McGee and seconded by Maurice Mahler, claims against the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were approved in the amount of \$299,606.49.

ROLL CALL: Aye Frisch
Aye Mahler
Aye Martin
Aye McGee

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Martin asked if there was any correspondence.

Commissioner Mahler reported that Father Ed is ill and he sent him a letter wishing him well.

Chairman Martin reported that M&T bank took over Hudson City bank, and they flagged 3 checks in smaller amounts with the name of "Destiny Martin" on the checks. Commissioner McGee took the call from the bank to validate they were fraudulent. The board will have to change the bank account and order new checks. There is a need to go to the bank to provide commissioner signatures again. A police report was filed and waiting on copies of the backs of the checks to see where they were cashed. They only used one signature on the check (Commissioner Borsuk's, which didn't match his signature), and the board needs 2 signatures.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT

Chairman Martin reported on the Fire Prevention Report:

- Chief is looking at pricing for a promotional test
- Mattresses will be delivered this week
- Reviewed smoke detector tests/certifications
- Yearly physicals started this month

Commissioner Frisch reported that Chief Carbin went to the Veterans Club and it was a good discussion/event.

Chairman Martin reported that Governor Christie signed a bill to give the ability for the fire districts to move the fire election from February to the general election in November.

In our town there are 3 districts and not all align with the voting districts.

Attorney Shaklee said there are three ways to resolve: change ward lines, change district lines, or when someone goes to vote in ward, the machine is setup to have 2 districts. Person would look up what district they are in when they vote, and they lock the district they are not allowed to vote. Not many towns have wards for voting, usually it's municipal wide. Here there are multiple districts, multiple wards.

Chairman Martin feels the date change is a great idea for better turnout. The state put 2% cap on the budget. Attorney Shaklee stated there is a cap on the overall budget by percentage, then a tax levy cap. If you go over the cap, it's subject to a referendum.

Chairman Martin stated this change would be for 2019 and it's not mandatory.

APPLEGARTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

There was no representation from the volunteer company.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Martin opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Busman asked why not reach out to the other two wards if they are interested in the November election. Chairman Martin stated the board will, but we just found out about the bill and the board would also need to reach out to the county.

The board and public had an open discussion on increased traffic, buildings and challenges it will present for the future state for the township.

Mr. Zarillo, of Stonebridge Veterans Club, made a presentation to the Board and Fire Department to pay tribute to the fire department, on behalf of his father (who was a first responder, retired Assistant Chief in the city New Brunswick) and the veterans, with a model fire truck and plaque.

The Veterans Club appreciates the participation of the fire department for their presence recently for the wounded warriors.

MEETING OPEN TO THE BOARD

Chairman Martin opened the meeting to the board. The board had nothing more to discuss.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Martin stated there was no need to have an executive session.

ADJOURN

Chairman Martin asked for a motion to adjourn.

UPON MOTION MADE by Jason Martin and seconded by Mike Frisch, the meeting was adjourned.

ROLL CALL: Aye Frisch
Aye Mahler
Aye Martin
Aye McGee

ROBERT McGEE
Board Secretary

JASON MARTIN
Chairman

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

PREPARED BY: Val Cier