

# Minutes of the Regular Meetings Wednesday, September 14, 2022

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, and those who had lost their lives on September 11th.

**UPON ROLL CALL** made by Commissioner Jason Martin, the following members of the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were present: Glenn Borsuk, Michael Frisch, Jason Martin, Robert McGee and Alan Tannenbaum.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Board Attorney Drew Stauffer, Esquire, and Val Cier, Recording Secretary. There was one career firefighter present: Captain Volkmann, Firefighter Yockman, Firefighter Chrepta, Captain Patel.

There was one volunteer firefighter present. Jennifer Awad.

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, Fire District #2 website @www.station57.org, and notices sent to those requesting such.

#### MINUTES

Chairman Martin asked for a review of the August 10, 2022 minutes.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Robert McGee, to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Aye Borsuk

Aye Frisch Aye Martin Aye McGee Aye Tannenbaum

#### **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\$180,888.95Net Payroll Claims Total\$177,058.89Total Claims Against the Board\$357,947.84Period ending August 10, 2022\$357,947.84

Amboy Bank:Undesignated Funds\$3,244,213.33Petty Cash\$170.00Designated Funds\$198,789.33Total Balance\$3,442,832.66

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Mike Frisch, claims against the Monroe Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 2 were approved in the amount of \$357,947.84. **ROLL CALL**: Aye Borsuk

Aye Frisch Aye Martin Aye McGee Aye Tannenbaum

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Martin asked if there was any old business to discuss.

Commissioner Frisch read a letter of thanks from Stonebridge for the fire department attending grandparents day on September 11th. Many thanks to the crew that did attend.

Chairman Martin stated they are still waiting on information on the parking lot lights.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Martin asked if there is any new business.

Captain Volkmann said there is an issue with the bay doors outside. One was previously damaged, and the other door was damaged by EMS. No bay doors are working. The service company has not responded to the calls for repair. Commissioner Borsuk stated Jammer is a reliable company. Chairman Martin stated to give them 2 more days to respond. EMS will pay for the door they damaged.

Chairman Martin stated we need to work on getting the apron repaired since we don't have working bay doors. We are waiting on one quote and it needs three bids. Commissioner McGee will reach out to the Township Engineer for names.

Captain Grande arrived at 7:18pm.

### FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT

Chairman Martin asked for the Fire Prevention report.

Captain Volkmann provided a cover page and year to date, as requested by Commissioner McGee. Captain Volkmann reported on the following:

- Reviewed the Incident Run Log
  - Have gone to calls in other towns (Cranbury) and no other department arrived not the first time in other towns

Captain Volkmann, and Commissioner Borsuk feel the department only attends for smoke/fire, not for alarms when the town's own fire department doesn't show up to their own alarms.

Captain Grande feels their administration may not be aware there is a problem. Enter a shared service agreement, they either pay us to respond, or staff. If we don't respond, and something becomes a fire, it puts everyone in a worse position, and it responds alone.

Chairman Martin has a concern with shared service if you are paying for a service, and don't respond, what are legal ramifications. Our priority is our district. Two pieces of equipment should not be leaving the district.

Commissioner Borsuk said we have to pull together the data for 2021 and 2022 first. Then open dialogue with the Chief of departments we are having an issue with, and if they have a plan.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Martin called the Executive session to order.

Resolution was read by Chairman Martin for an executive session for the purpose of personnel matters.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Mike Frisch, to go into an executive session for the purpose of personnel matters.

ROLL CALL: Aye Borsuk Aye Frisch Aye Martin Aye McGee Aye Tannenbaum

## **MEETING RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Martin re-opened the meeting to the public.

Chairman Martin read a resolution appointing Austin Pickney as a probationary firefighter.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Mike Frisch, to appoint Austin Pinkney, badge #229, as a probationary firefighter effective 10.1.22.

ROLL CALL: Aye Borsuk Aye Frisch Aye Martin Aye McGee Aye Tannenbaum

### APPLEGARTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Chairman Martin asked if there was anything to report from the volunteers.

Firefighter Awad requested an update on headlights. Captains requested she put in a purchase request so they can be ordered.

### ADJOURN

Chairman Martin asked for a motion to adjourn.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Glenn Borsuk and seconded by Robert McGee, the meeting was adjourned.

RÓLL CALL: Aye Borsuk Aye Frisch Aye Martin Aye McGee Aye Tannenbaum

ROBERT McGEE Board Secretary JASON MARTIN Chairman

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