

Dennis Township Fire District No. 1
Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting
Board of Fire Commissioners
March 18, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman Moran at 7:01 p.m. on the above date at the Ocean View Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Moran said that we are in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law); and, that notice of the meeting was posted in Township Hall and the notice of this meeting has been advertised in the Cape May County Herald.

Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing in of Newly Elected Commissioners

1. Dave McMichael
2. Donna Raffa

Roll Call

All Commissioners attended Meeting as well as Lou Delos (our legal counsel)

Reading & Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes of the February 18, 2015 were read by notes, Tammy Tozer forgot her minutes at home.

Fire Company Chief's Report

Chief Michael Deluca had previously submitted the Fire Company Chief's report. Mr. Moran read the report for the period of 02/01/15-02/28/2015. The Fire Company responded to a total of Twelve (12) calls for the month, handling two (2) unintentional; two (2) good intent; six (6) motor vehicle accidents; one (1) fires and, one (1) down power line, with a total of 10.7 hours in service.

Treasurer's Report – Tammy reported that:

Tammy did a summary of the Treasurer Report as Mr. Paul Suttons term had expired as of March 3rd, 2015 and he had everything completed and dropped off to Tammy.

The District #1 had received from Lincoln Financial returned payments from LOSAP of unvested Fireman that were no longer with the fire company, but had monies still sitting in Lincoln Financials System. We received a total of 9 checks

Tammy reported that the bills needing approval and payment were:

1 Cape May County Herald	\$ 8.61
2 Richard Braslow, Esq.	\$480.00
3 Brown & Brown of New Jersey, LLC (Policy Renewal)	\$ 1593.00
4 Tammy Tozer (Printer Supplies)	\$ 53.41
TOTAL OF BILLS	\$ 2143.57

Tammy Tozer, seconded by Mr. Dave McMichael, made a motion to approve and pay the four invoices. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Moran and Mr. DeLollis noted that there was nothing new to report relative to the litigation by the Ocean View Volunteer Fire Company against the Fire District.

New Business

Township Committee voted on the defeated budget on March 17, 2015, they kept the budget at the defeated amount of \$355,750.00 to be raised by taxation from property taxes.

Resolutions

2015-03 Auditor (Ford & Scott) Motion made by Fry, 2nd by Tozer
All Commissioners Approved

2015-04 Banking (1st Bank of Sea Isle & TD Bank) Motion made by Tozer, 2nd by McMichael
All Commissioners Approved

2015-05 Fire Company (Ocean View Volunteer Fire Company) Motion made by McMichael, 2nd by Tozer
All Commissioners Approved

2015-06 News Papers (Herald & The Press) Motion made by Tozer, 2nd by McMichael
All Commissioners Approved

2015-07 Solicitors “as needed” (Braslow & Monzo, Catanese & Hillgrass) Motion made by Tozer, 2nd by Raffa
4 Commissioners Approved, 1 Commissioner Disapproved Mr. McMichael

Re-Organization of Board of Commissioners

Chairwomen: Tammy Tozer
Secretary: Dave McMichael
Treasurer: Donna Raffa
Commissioner: Bryan Moran
Commissioner: Mike Fry

Treasurer Donna Raffa said that she is not an accountant and she would feel more comfortable if she had a financial advisor that she could turn to if she had questions. She said that she had spoken with Michael Bohrer and he said that he would get a price together for the District to look over.

Commissioner McMichael asked Commissioner Moran about the Ball Joints & Struts being recalled on 1739-1732?

Commissioner Moran said that he had spoken to Barry from Fire & Safety and the Ball Joints and Struts on 1739 aren't the ones that were recalled. He said that he would call Barry again just to double check, but that is what he was told.

Commissioner Raffa had an email about JIF and the First Responders Program. She said that District #2 & District #3 both participate in the First Responders program and she doesn't understand why Ocean View Fire Company cannot. Commissioner Moran said that we were going to talk about that in Executive Session.

Public Participation & Comment

Mrs. Sandra Izzi of Ocean View asked if Mr. McMichael taking the Secretary position of the Commission was a conflict of interest because he is also the Secretary of the Fire Company. Lou Delossis explained that according to the Attorney General's Opinion it was only position of President, Vice President, Chief and Deputy Chief ,

not serve as a Commissioner and an Executive Board, Chief or Deputy Chief. All other positions are not arguable or a conflict.

Mr. Tom Rock of Ocean View stated that he had in his possession a Memorandum. Commissioner Raffa stopped him and said that we were going to talk about that in executive session and asked him to not say anything else about it. Lou Delossis jumped in and stated that if Mr. Rock wanted to read the memorandum that we the Commission couldn't stop him. It is Public Session and you cannot stop a member of the public from speaking. Mr. Rock said he won't read the memorandum, but that he will be going to the IRS and Attorney General's Office with it. He wants explanations. Commissioner Raffa says we are going to speak of that in executive session.

Mr. Tom Rock of Ocean View asked Commissioner Raffa what equipment would be needed for helping with the EMS. Commissioner Raffa said, a jump Bag/Medical bag, Chief Deluca added we have the Jump/Medical bags and any of the items we use the EMS squad fills it back up. Commissioner Raffa agreed.

Public Session was closed

Close of Open Session Meeting Ends at 7:51pm

Executive Session – At 7:52 p.m., Mr. Moran said that the Commissioners would go into a closed session to discuss with the new commissioners the contract and any questions they may have about what has been going on.

At 7:52 p.m., until 10:15 p.m., the Commissioners (Mr. Moran, Mrs. Tozer, Mr. Fry, Mrs. Raffa, Mr. Michael & Lou Delossis) met in closed session...

Back to Public Meeting – 10:15 with No Decisions being made and nothing to vote on

Adjournment

With a motion by Mr. Bryan Moran, seconded by Mr. Mike Fry, the Commissioners approved adjournment of the Dennis Township Fire District #1 regular monthly meeting of at 10:15 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Dennis Township Fire District No. 1 shall convene at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in the Ocean View Fire Company Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dave McMichael
Secretary of Fire District #1