

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 2 was held on the above date at the Lenola Fire House. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Wesolowski. Five Commissioners were in attendance. Also, in attendance were Chief Grant, Chief's Asst B. Wesolowski, F.O. Orsini, FI/BC DiPaolo and FI/Lt Carruthers.

Wesolowski opened the meeting by reading the following statement in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

This meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 2 of The Township of Moorestown is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975. Pursuant to the "Act", on November 9th, 2023 the required notice was transmitted to the *Burlington County Times*.

Additionally, the required notice was posted on the bulletin board, reserved for such notices, in the lobby of the Town Hall, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057, on the bulletin board of the Moorestown Municipal Library, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057 and on the bulletin board of the Lenola Fire House, 229 North Lenola Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057 and filed with the Clerk of the Township of Moorestown on this date.

Lastly, written notice was posted on the official website, MoorestownFireDistrict2.com on November 9th, 2023 and mailed to each person who has requested copies of the schedule of meetings.

An affidavit certifying that the aforesaid delivery and posting of notices was prepared and signed by the Administrator.

Wesolowski called for a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for our departed members.

Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Mann, seconded by Commissioner Gifford, the minutes of the May 8, 2024 regular meeting were approved 5-0.

Chief's Report:

The Chief's report was filed and available for review in the Commissioners Drop Box. Chief Grant reviewed the highlights of the report. Chief noted that they purchased three new items for the active firefighters, a drag strap used for rescues/downed FF's, helmet mounted flashlights and a multi-tool. Also reported that they demo' d low pressure hose to be used with the CAFS system. He also noted that there are two FF's graduating from Firefighter I, Anthony Warrington and Daniel Telez-Garcia and Jamar Scott is graduating Firefighter II. Lastly, Chief reported that they purchased a vehicle entry tool in the event a child is locked in a vehicle. Lt Carruthers obtained a copy of the Vehicle Entry Waiver that Mt Laurel FD uses and has developed a similar one for our use. The administrator will have our attorney review this.

Chief's Assistant

Chief's Assistant report is in the Dropbox, regular duties.

Captain's Report:

The written report is available for review in the drop box. It was reviewed by B.C. DiPaolo.

Fire Official's Report:

The written report is in the drop box. F.O. Orsini reviewed the following highlights.

1. Provided the inspection totals.
2. Penalty totals for the month were provided as well as False Fire Alarm Notices issued.
3. Zoning & Planning review totals.

Orsini noted that they will be having a burn trailer from West Windsor at Fire Prevention night this year.

Rental Manager's Report:

The report was in the drop box. Hall Manager Orsini noted that there were 10 affairs in June.

Bills:

The Statement of Expenditures, listing of bills to be paid in July were provided to the Board members for review prior to the meeting. Administrator Knobbs discussed the bills highlighted on said Statement and reported on bills received after the report was published. Knobbs noted there are still regular bills outstanding.

There being no further questions or comments on the bills, a motion by Commissioner Mann, seconded by Commissioner Grant to pay the July bills and any regular bills that come in was approved by the five commissioners present. Commissioner Clark abstained on all bills for Donna Clark.

Communications:

None

Old Business:

Recruitment/Retention: President Wesolowski opened the floor to anyone present to participate. B.C. DiPaolo noted as previously reported by the Chief that there were 2 individuals graduating from Fire School. Two additional subjects, Joseph Feliciano and Marcello Moreno are enrolled for the next class. The Citizens Fire Academy planning is ongoing and he noted that the interest from residents has not been great, he stated that most of the interest has been from out of town. He stated that one possibility was lowering the age of applicants to possibly generate interest and obtain Junior members.

2023 Audit: Administrator Knobbs reported that the audit is ongoing, he expects completion soon. They are waiting on the state to release the GASB 68 & 75 reports that are necessary for the completion of the audit.

225 Parking Lot Repaving: Administrator Knobbs reported the contractor started the preliminary work on the parking lot last week, and he is scheduled to begin the milling and paving on Friday July 12th and then stripe it over the weekend.

Hall Tiling Project: Administrator Knobbs reported that they will be doing the job the week of 7/29 to 8/4/24.

New Business:

Concrete Repair: Administrator Knobbs reported that there is an area that was left as dirt/grass between the new handicapped ramp and the entrance to the parking lot of the fire house. He stated that it appears

that vehicles are cutting the turn short and it is damaging the driveway concrete. After meeting with President Wesolowski, he is proposing to have the area dug out and concreted. He has spoken with Hector Torres Concrete Company and they gave a quote of \$500.00 to complete the project. He is available to do the work in the next week. Motion by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Mann to spend \$500.00 for the work with Hector Torres Concrete Company. The motion was approved by the five commissioners present.

Duty Crew: President Wesolowski noted that there are two items in the drop box for the proposed duty crews. Lt Carruthers addressed the commissioners with the proposal. He noted that the Incentive Program is not having the desired effect, and in an attempt to be proactive, they are proposing the duty crew approach using the funds that are currently allotted to the Incentive Program. He reviewed the thought behind the program, and what the program entails. BC DiPaolo participated in the discussion and they detailed the program basics and requirements. President Wesolowski asked when they would like to begin this program, and they would like to start January 1, 2025. Discussion ensued with highest volume days/times. President Wesolowski stated that since this was brought to the board with limited time before the meeting that the Five Commissioners review the proposal and reach out to Lt Carruthers with any questions and it will be placed on the August agenda to revisit this topic.

Meeting opened to the public:

BC DiPaolo noted that the Auxiliary will be having a hoagie sale next Saturday.

President Wesolowski announced that the next meeting will be August 14, 2024.

There being no further business to come before the Board, by Proper Action, meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen W. Knobbs

Board Administration