

OCEAN GROVE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

October 13, 2022

OPENING

The meeting was called to order, followed the flag salute, led by Paul Bagdanov, chairing the meeting in the absence of Commissioner McEwan.

The clerk announced the meeting was held in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 231, New Jersey Public Laws of 1975, "Open Public Meetings Act" having been published in a March 2022 issue of the Coaster.

Roll Call:

absent	Commissioner Robert McEwan
present	Commissioner Paul Bagdanov, Chairman
present	Commissioner Scott Jarmer
present	Commissioner Lori Moses-Day
present	Commissioner Matthew Gannon

MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting were unainously approved following the motion of Commissioner Jarmer and second of Commissioner Gannon

COMMUNICATIONS

From Eagle Hook & Ladder, re training prop

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

By consensus, the board suggested the request be presented at a future meeting and include additional information such as projected cost to acquire, cost to maintain, proposed storage location, projected savings, etc.

INVESTITURE OF NEW MEMBERS

Brian Crean, E.H. Stokes Fire Co. was invested with membership in the fire department and is expected to attend the next Firefighter I class at a fire academy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Officer Debra Latshaw presented the bill list and treasurer report. Following the motion of Commissioner Moses-Day and second of Commissioner Gannon, the Board unanimously accepted the report and approved payment of the bills

OLD BUSINESS

The Whitefield Avenue door at Eagle Firehouse has been replaced. Electrical evaluation is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of replacement air filters in the systems at the Olin Street Firehouse from Air Purification Systems, Inc at a cost of \$6,434.00 was unanimously approved following the motion of Comm. Jarmer and second of Comm. Gannon.'

Commissioner Moses-Day requested the Board consider a shared duty crew arrangement with District 1. The matter was not presented as a motion, nor was a second offered. No Board action followed.

District 1 representatives John Fritz and Frank Sutphin have communicated with Commissioner Moses-Day. Crews would be stationed at District 1 stations, and would respond to District 2 alarms if District 2 personnel were on the duty crew. A stipend would be paid to the duty crew participants. The chairman directed Comm. Moses-Day, Comm. Gannon, and Chief Benfer to meet with District 1 representatives, obtain more information, and provide a written proposal for the Board's consideration.

FIRE OFFICIAL AND CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Official Scott Liddick distributed a written report.

Fire Chief Ben Benfer reported 157 year to date alarms. The annual bail out system update is on October 27. Annual training is required for those firefighters that have and use a bail out system.

PUBLIC HEARING

A department member requested the Board obtain a Toughbook Computer and assign same to the fire chief's vehicle as such would be useful for quickly researching a variety of situations and potential resolutions for same, such as electrical vehicle fires.

There being no further public comment, the chairman suggested a motion for adjournment was in order,.

]

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn following the motion of Commissioner Jarmer and second of Commissioner Moses-Day

]