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**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT #3
P.O. BOX 1233
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
BLenheim, NEW JERSEY 08012**

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
02/06/19**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3 was held on February 6, 2019, at Blenheim Fire Company, located at 34 Almonesson Road, Blenheim New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stires, at 6:30 p.m. A roll call was taken:

COMMISSIONER FOGGIO	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER JOWETT	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER PAFFENROTH	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER STIRES	PRESENT
COMMISSIONER TARVES	PRESENT

Also in attendance: Harry Nerozzi, Accountant, Acting Solicitor Dan Long, Fire Company President Lee Collins, Chief Joseph Cipriano, Jr./Blackwood, Chief Mike Millisky/Chews Landing, George Genzel/Chairman Chews Landing Fire Department, Chief Brezee/Erial, Frank Simiriglia, and Ellen Reese.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the January Regular meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Stires asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Foglio and seconded by Commissioner Jowett. A roll call was taken:

COMMISSIONER FOGGIO	YES
COMMISSIONER JOWETT	YES
COMMISSIONER PAFFENROTH	YES
COMMISSIONER STIRES	YES
COMMISSIONER TARVES	YES

The motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Paffenroth received a proposal from Bowman & Co. for audit services. The price has remained the same as prior year, at \$7600.00.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

INSURANCE: Commissioner Paffenroth reported the insurance renewal time was approaching. Hardenbergh wanted to know if the Commissioners wanted the policy to be

marketed. This is something usually done every three years and was last done in 2016. We usually do not get competitive rates from a JIF, and end up staying with current vendors of ESIP and Hartford— as they have the best pricing. The Commissioners asked Commissioner Paffenroth to instruct Hardenbergh to move forward with due diligence and seek quotes.

WATER SUPPLY: No report.

FIRE OFFICIAL: No report.

CHIEF'S REPORT: No report.

PORTABLE EQUIPMENT: No report.

COMPUTERS: No report.

MEDICAL: No report.

UNIFORMS: No report.

TRAINING: No report.

TRUCKS: No report.

RADIO: No report.

FIREFIGHTER'S EQUIPMENT: A motion was made by Commissioner Foglio and seconded by Commissioner Jowett to purchase four super cell spare batteries, at a total price of \$756.00. A roll call was taken:

COMMISSIONER FOGLIO	YES
COMMISSIONER JOWETT	YES
COMMISSIONER PAFFENROTH	YES
COMMISSIONER STIRES	YES
COMMISSIONER TARVES	YES

The motion carries.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Stires requested a motion to dispense funds in the amount of \$9,470.04 (attached) for the billing month of January 2019. A motion was made by Commissioner Foglio and seconded by Commissioner Jowett. A roll call was taken:

COMMISSIONER FOGLIO	YES
COMMISSIONER JOWETT	YES

COMMISSIONER PAFFENROTH	YES
COMMISSIONER STIRES	YES
COMMISSIONER TARVES	YES

The motion carries.

PUBLIC PORTION:

George Genzel/Chairman Chews Landing Fire Department introduced himself and the local fire department Chief's also in attendance. Chairman Genzel explained the reason for the visit was to explain the program currently working well between Blackwood and Chews Landing Fire Companies. They were providing mutual aid, cross training members, combined drills and shared services. This works well, but is expensive. As we are located between the two departments, they were here to ask for help. They were looking for cooperation to best serve and protect the residents who call 911. They were not interested in any type of hostile takeover, as rumors may have preceded.

A statistic recap sheet of Blenheim calls indicate we could use their help. Commissioner Paffenroth requested back-up to the calls, and it was provided. Commissioner Stires asked what was wanted from us. The response was to educate us to provide better coverage. Commissioner Stires asked at what price, and \$40,000 was given, but not confirmed. Details could be provided later.

Blackwood and Chews Landing have both hired a new paid firefighter position to help expedite this better coverage. The monies are currently paid under the Safer Grant, but both departments are aware this will be absorbed in the future by the local budgets. They are also looking to co-purchase new equipment. Chews plans to re-letter a current truck to read 88 Gloucester Township. They are interested in buying a squad vehicle, hoping through another grant. Both departments would have to downsize current equipment.

Chairman Stires inquired if they had also met with neighboring Glendora. Chairman Genzel indicated he had been in attendance at their meetings, without the local Chiefs. They have not been able to respond with any monies yet.

Chairman Stires said rumors indicate they were interested in combining resources/using our money and our Quint, but not our volunteer men. Chairman Genzel said the volunteers are a big plus. They do not want to under utilize them. Volunteers are welcome to show up for any calls. They are attempting to combine all districts, for better Gloucester Township service, 88.

Commissioner Tarves and Commissioner Paffenroth spoke to our current Fire Marshall needs. Our Commissioners' suggested the Fire Marshall Duties of Blenheim were discussed and denied many times with our neighboring stations of Blackwood and Chews. As this is a way for the inspecting fire departments to make extra revenue, it is suggested they return to their respective Fire companies of Blackwood and Chews

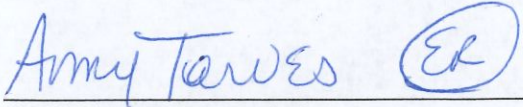
Landing and move the request to their personnel to take over the duty of Blenheim Fire Inspections.

Offer was made for our attendance at any of the combined meetings.

GOOD OF THE BOARD: None.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Paffenroth and seconded by Commissioner Foglio and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Amy Tarves, Commissioner
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3

Dated: 02/28/2019