

# OCEAN GROVE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES Special Meeting July 3, 2017

### OPENING

Meeting called to order.

Flag Salute

The clerk (acting clerk, Richard Cuttrel) announced the meeting held in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 231, New Jersey Public Laws of 1975, "Open Public Meetings", having been published in the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster more than 48 hours prior to this meeting, as well as posted publicly and electronically.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman  
Present: Commissioner Paul Bagdanov  
Present: Commissioner William Ball  
Present: Commissioner Edwin Deuchar  
Present: Commissioner Matthew Gannon

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Resolution 2017-07-01

##### Resolution adopting Mutual Aid Response Plan

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 5:75A-2.2 directs each fire district to prepare and adopt a local fire mutual aid plan in accordance with specific criteria, to review and update said plan every two years, and includes other requirements; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners desires to comply with the requirements of the fire mutual aid plan regulation, while also providing consistency and predictability in fulfilling the Board's responsibilities under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70 et seq.,

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners adopted a plan in accordance with statute and regulation by Resolution 2017-06-01, and in accordance with that Resolution, the clerk filed the adopted plan; and

Whereas, the Monmouth County Fire Marshal accepted the plan for filing and posted same, and

Whereas, the Ocean Grove Fire Chief subsequently caused the Monmouth County Fire Marshal to retract the adopted plan and post an unauthorized plan, and

Whereas, at the direction of the Monmouth County Fire Marshal, the Monmouth

County Assistant Fire Coordinators met with the Board of Commissioner's Clerk and disclosed a plan acceptable to the Monmouth County Fire Marshal that a previously been provided to the Ocean Grove Fire Chief, but which the Ocean Grove Fire Chief did not submit to the Board for consideration, and

Whereas, the Monmouth County Assistant Fire Coordinators request the Board consider adoption of the aforementioned plan, and if same is adopted, will cause the plan to become effective, and

Whereas the Board has considered the plan developed by the Assistant Coordinators and finds it similar to the plan the Board approved in Resolution 2017-06-01, and that the plan meets the Board's desire for consistency and predictability, while protecting the lives and property of the district,

Now therefore, the Board of Commissioners resolves and directs:

1. the clerk File the attached Mutual Aid Response Plan with the county fire coordinator, and
2. the Fire Official and the Fire Coordinator to monitor the effectiveness of the Mutual Aid Response Plan, and shall be authorized to maintain a current Mutual Aid Response Plan with the county coordinator, and
3. no changes the Mutual Aid Response Plan shall be made except by resolution of the Board of Commissioners.

Offered by: Commissioner Gannon      Second by: Commissioner Bagdanov

Discussion between the board and the public followed the motion and preceded the vote.

Roll Call:            Yes Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman  
                          Yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov  
                          Yes Commissioner William Ball  
                          Yes Commissioner Edwin Deuchar  
                          Yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**The floor was opened for public participation. Following ample opportunity for same, the board entertained a motion for adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn

Offered by: Commissioner Deuchar, second by: Commissioner Gannon  
Unanimously agreed.

Minutes approved at the August 10, 2017 meeting of the Board of Commissioners

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David M. Shotwell Jr.", written in a cursive style.

DAVID M. SHOTWELL JR., Clerk  
Neptune Township Fire District No. 2