

OCEAN GROVE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES APRIL 12, 2012

OPENING

The meeting called to order by Commissioner McEwan, followed by the flag salute.

The clerk announced the meeting is held in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 231, New Jersey Public Laws of 1975, "Open Public Meetings", having been published in a March 2012 issue of the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster.

Roll Call: √ Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman
 √ Commissioner William Ball
 √ Commissioner Edwin Deuchar
 √ Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 √ Commissioner Scott Jarmer

√ indicates present, A indicates absent

Also attending, CFO Rick Cuttrel, Attorney Jim Hundley, and Clerk David Shotwell Jr.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the March 2012 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved following the motion of Commissioner Jarmer and second of Commissioner Gannon.

COMMUNICATIONS

Washington Fire Co. #1., advised of the application of Chris Thomas and his membership in Washington Fire Company.

Email communication was received by the Clerk from Joseph San Felice III informing the board of insufficient water flow on a yellow hydrant and requesting NJAWC and FD representatives meet regarding same.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

No formal action. Chris Thomas will be sworn in upon presenting to the Clerk or the Board. The hydrant issue will be addressed at a later time after review with Ron Cole.

INVESTITURE OF NEW MEMBERS

Kyle Bauter, Eagle Hook & Ladder Co. #1, was sworn and received badge # 785
Randy Thorne, Eagle Hook & Ladder Co. #1, was sworn and received badge # 787

TREASURER'S REPORT

The report and bill list was reviewed and approved unanimously following the motion of Commissioner Jarmer, second of Commissioner Deuchar

OLD BUSINESS

Brief discussion was held regarding a standardized application form for the fire companies to use when taking in new members. An example from Neptune Fire District No. 1 was provided for review. No formal action followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorizing closed session for personnel and legal matter.

Offered by: Commissioner Gannon Second by: Commissioner Jarmer

Roll Call: Y Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman
Y Commissioner William Ball
Y Commissioner Edwin Deuchar
Y Commissioner Matthew Gannon
Y Commissioner Scott Jarmer

FIRE OFFICIAL AND CHIEF'S REPORT

No written reports were received. Neither the fire official, nor the chief were in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

2nd Lt. Ben Benfer (E.H. Stokes Fire Co. #3) brought the following matter to the Board's attention. The fire hydrant located at the corner of Abbott and New York Avenues was relocated to a position adjacent to an existing handicap parking spot, creating a "no parking" space within a designated parking space. CFO Rick Cuttrell indicated he would explore and attempt to resolve the problem through his capacity as municipal clerk.

The Board adjourned to closed session to discuss a legal matter presently in litigation.

Motion to reopen meeting following closed session

Offered by: Commissioner Jarmer Second by: Commissioner Deuchar

Roll Call: Y Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman
Y Commissioner William Ball
Y Commissioner Edwin Deuchar

Y Commissioner Matthew Gannon
Y Commissioner Scott Jarmer

No further action was taken by the Board.

The Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m. after unanimous agreement on the motion of Commissioner Deuchar and second of Commissioner Gannon.