

OCEAN GROVE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT No. 2.

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

November 9, 2023
7:30 pm

OPENING

Meeting called to order.

Flag Salute.

This meeting is 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 2023 issue of the Coaster.

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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Comm. Jarmer Second: Comm. Moses-Day

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Robert McEwan
yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Washington Fire Company: a) request for nozzle; b) request to donate apparatus
2. Eagle Hook & Ladder: applicant accepted, background check in progress - for fire police
3. Email regarding multiple topics:

- a. Department downsize plan
- b. Radio upgrade
- c. Tires and tower apparatus repair
- d. Are the commissioners going to put F-500 on trucks? How many pails on each engine?

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

- 1.a. On the motion of Comm. Jarmer and second of Comm. Bagdanov, two nozzles will be purchased to deploy F-500.
- 1.b. no action
- 2. no action
- 3.a. per Chairman, not in progress at this time.
- 3.b. in progress, additional radios will be in the 2024 budget proposal
- 3.c. all apparatus is inspected annually, the Board will be guided by the written opinions and reports of qualified professionals that inspect the apparatus.
- 3.d. The chief and line officers are responsible for the deployment of equipment, supplies, and fire suppression operations.

INVESTITURE OF NEW MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Motion to approve bill list and accept the report of the Financial Officer.

Motion: Comm. Bagdnov Second: Comm. Jarmer

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Robert McEwan
 yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Replacement vehicle - efforts continue to identify an available acceptable vehicle

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing closed session for personnel or legal matter.

Motion: Comm. Jarmer Second: Comm. Moses-Day

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Robert McEwan
 yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

REPORT OF FIRE OFFICIAL

Written report submitted

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

228 alarms, year to date; bail out training dates announced,

The Board adjourned briefly to closed executive session: Attorney Hundley informed the board regarding legal matters regarding contracts, apparatus finance, legal aspects of engagement with the Monmouth County Improvement Authority. Anticipated personnel and confidential matters did not materialize. No action was taken or recommended. The executive session was terminated.

Motion to reopen meeting following closed session.

Motion: Comm. Jarmer Second: Comm. Gannon

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Robert McEwan
 yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

PUBLIC HEARING

An Eagle member presented the board with a printed quote for a Ford Maverick pickup for \$28,000 and opined the board could purchase same to replace the van. He also stated a \$5,000 grant was available to repair 54-1-91, 1989 Sutphin through firehousegrants.com

A Washington member informed the board they were not required to obtain bids to purchase vehicles, advocates getting voter approval in the February 2024 election to purchase a new fire engine. The member also advocates donating retired apparatus to a museum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board at this meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.