

OCEAN GROVE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

**Minutes
January 9, 2020**

OPENING

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.

Flag Salute

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 2019 issue of the Coaster.

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

All five Commissioners were present.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved following the motion of Commissioner Deuchar and second of Commissioner Gannon.

Communications:

Chief Thorne requested the Board purchase an additional natural gas detection meter to bring the total number of meters to three, allowing one in each first run apparatus and one for the chief to carry.

Action on Communications:

The Board unanimously approved acquisition of an additional gas detection meter following the motion of Commissioner Ball and second of Commissioner Deuchar.

Treasurer's Report

The Board unanimously approved payment of the bills and accepted the report of the Treasurer following the motion of Commissioner Deuchar and second of Commissioner Gannon.

Old Business

Drawings for the bathroom renovation at the Eagle Firehouse are expected soon. Commissioner Gannon will review and advise concerning same.

New Business

RESOLUTION #2020-01-01

A resolution to cancel checks outstanding for over six months.

Offered by Commissioner Gannon, Second by Commissioner Deuchar

Aye Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman

Aye Commissioner Paul Bagdanov

Aye Commissioner William Ball

Aye Commissioner Edwin Deuchar

Aye Commissioner Matthew Gannon

The resolution was approved by not less than a majority of the Board members present.

RESOLUTION #2020-01-02

A resolution to authorize the transfer of 2019 Budget Appropriation Reserves

Offered by Commissioner Deuchar, Second by Commissioner Bagdanov

Aye Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman

Aye Commissioner Paul Bagdanov

Aye Commissioner William Ball

Aye Commissioner Edwin Deuchar

Aye Commissioner Matthew Gannon

The resolution was approved by not less than a majority of the Board members present.

RESOLUTION #2020-01-03

A resolution authorizing the purchase of 12 portable radios.

Offered by Commissioner Deuchar, Second by Commissioner Bagdanov

Aye Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman

Aye Commissioner Paul Bagdanov

Aye Commissioner William Ball

Aye Commissioner Edwin Deuchar

Aye Commissioner Matthew Gannon

The resolution was approved by not less than a majority of the Board members present.

Reports:

Fire Chief: Chief Thorne reported the department training for bloodborne pathogens, right to know and hazcomm is scheduled for 1/30 and will be repeated on 2/20 for any personnel that could not attend the 1/30 date. Respiratory protection fit testing will begin on 2/4 and continue during the month of February. 4/21 there will be a departmental drill in Middletown, and a "Lake Avenue" drill is planned for this year. Monthly departmental drills will usually be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Fire Official: No report submitted.

Clerk: Notices have posted and submitted for publication for petitions for the February 15 election, and for a special meeting on January 21, 2020. Chief Thorne requested MARP changes. A county fire coordinator will review the requested changes on January 10.

Public Hearing
2020 Budget Only

The chairman opened the floor for comments. After sufficient time passed and no person present requested to address the board, the chairman suggested the Board act.

RESOLUTION 2020-01-04

A resolution to adopt the 2020 Budget pending voter approval.

Offered by Commissioner Gannon, Second by Commissioner Deuchar

Aye Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman

Aye Commissioner Paul Bagdanov

Aye Commissioner William Ball

Aye Commissioner Edwin Deuchar

Aye Commissioner Matthew Gannon

The resolution was approved by not less than a majority of the Board members present.

Public Hearing (other than 2020 Budget)

Chief Thorne and Asst Chief Benfer requested the clerk apply for the NJAWC grant, indicating grant funding for up to \$2,000.00 was available.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Deuchar, and the second was offered by Commissioner Bagdanov

Aye Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman

Aye Commissioner Paul Bagdanov

Aye Commissioner William Ball

Aye Commissioner Edwin Deuchar

Aye Commissioner Matthew Gannon

Adjournment was approved by not less than a majority of the Board members present.