

OCEAN GROVE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

April 8, 2021

This meeting is held by conference call. The toll free call in number is 888-3463659, the participant code is 403690. Public comment during the appropriate portion of the meeting is via email to fire8883463659@gmail.com

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 2020 issue of the Coaster and the Asbury Park Press. Consistent with Governor's Executive Order 107 and published guidance from the New Jersey Division of Community Affairs, notice that Board meetings subsequent to the Order would be held by conference call, along with the participant call in number and email contact was published in the Coaster.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Robert McEwan,	present
Commissioner Paul Bagdanov,	present
Commissioner Scott Jarmer,	joined at 7:35 pm
Commissioner Edwin Deuchar,	present
Commissioner Matthew Gannon,	present

MINUTES of LAST MEETING

Approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting.

Motion by: Comm. Gannon

Second by: Comm. Deuchar

Vote: unanimously approved

COMMUNICATIONS

1. From G.R. Moore, re: FF1 at Toms River summer session
 2. From J. Ryan, request for reimbursement, fire instructor 1.
 3. From Eagle, request for reimbursement of funds advanced to member for fire officer 1
- (7:35 pm, Comm, Jarmer joined meeting).

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Board unanimously approved sending Patrick Keenan and Chris Haas to the Toms River Fire Academy following the motion by Comm Bagdanov and second by Comm Deuchar.
2. The Board unanimously approved reimbursement to J. Ryan upon successful completion of Fire Instruct 1 following the motion by Comm Deuchar and second by Comm Bagdanov.
3. The Board unanimously approved reimbursement not to exceed \$150.00 upon successful completion of the course following the motion by Comm Gannon and second by Comm Deuchar.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board unanimously approved the bill list and accepted the Treasurer's Report following the motion by Comm Jarmer and second by Comm Deuchar.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign over bay door at Eagle: replacement in process. Letters from original sign to be salvaged if possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Item: Monmouth County requests Ocean Grove FD change to a county fire frequency for signing in service and communicating with the county dispatch. OGF D currently has the ability to do so, having acquired 12 dual band portable radios capable of operating on the county trunk system, as well as the current VHF system.

Chief Duda feels OGF D should be on the Spillman system; use of LAN or fireground channel prevents communications from going through county dispatch. Comm. Deuchar indicated Neptune, Asbury Park, and Long Branch have

switched, also allows information on property such as hazardous materials when dispatched. No action.

FIRE OFFICIAL AND CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief: 50 calls year to date,

Official: report attached

Clerk: Respiratory Protection questionnaires are available at the firehouses beginning April 12. Fit testing will be by appointment on Sunday evenings, beginning April 18. Email [clerk.district54@gmail](mailto:clerk.district54@gmail.com) to make an appointment. Additional days/times will be available for those that need them.

PUBLIC HEARING

The published email account was checked for comments, noting none, and sufficient time permitted,
[if needed] Motion to reopen meeting following closed session

Offered by: Second by:

Roll Call: Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman
 Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 Commissioner Edwin Deuchar
 Commissioner Matthew Gannon

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

Offered by: Comm. Jarmer Second by: Comm. Deuchar
Unanimously approved

Ocean Grove Board of Fire Commissioners
50 Olin St
Ocean Grove, NJ 07756

March 25, 2021

G.R. Moore, Captain
Eagle Hook & Ladder
128 Main Ave
Ocean Grove, NJ 07756

Re: Fire Academy Funding

Dear Board of Fire Commissioners,

Probationary Firefighter Patrick Keenan and Chris Haas(Eagle Hook & Ladder) are currently on a leave of absence (LOA) while attending college in Arizona and Pennsylvania respectively. Since they have been on a LOA, he has been unable to attend any of the Firefighter I courses offered at the Monmouth County Fire Academy. With that being said, Monmouth County is not offering any Firefighter I courses over the summer.

The Toms River Fire Academy is researching interest (via their website) regarding a seven (7) week, Monday through Friday Firefighter I & II course from mid-June to early August. The cost will be \$1,000.00 for out of township recruits and the class size will be limited to 12 – 15 students.

Firefighter Keenan and Haas have expressed interest attending this course since he will be home for the summer. Upon successful completion of the course, Firefighters Keenan and Haas will be able to respond to calls for service and participate in exterior and interior operations when they are home from college, making them a much needed asset to not only Eagle Hook & Ladder but also to the Ocean Grove Fire Department.

Currently, NJAC 5:73-4.2(c) states fire departments shall not authorize any firefighter who has not attained Firefighter Candidate Grade I from responding to alarms or assisting in any exterior operations.

I am respectfully requesting that \$2,000.00 be set aside to cover the cost of Firefighter Keenan and Firefighter Haas attending the Toms River Fire Academy's summer session.

Respectfully,

G.R. Moore
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Captain
Eagle Hook & Ladder

Board of Fire Commissioners,

I am enrolled in Fire instructor 1 at the Toms River Fire Academy. The class will run from April 14th to May 8th. I'm requesting that the district reimburse me the \$175 dollars upon successful completion of the course and test. Any further info that may be required please let me know. I'm still waiting for a purchase order from the academy and can provide that upon receipt of it. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

FF/EMT Joseph Ryan

Eagle Hook & Ladder



Clerk District 54 <clerk.district54@gmail.com>

Class reimbursement

2 messages

Lori L Day <moribbi225@hotmail.com>
To: David Shotwell Jr <clerk.district54@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 3:12 PM

Ocean Grove Fire Department
Board of Fire Commissioners
50 Olin Street
Ocean Grove, Nj 07756

Dear Commissioners,
Eagle Hook & Ladder is seeking reimbursement for a class taken by Joe Ryan for Fire Officer 1 given by Toms River Bd of Fire Commissioners District No. 1 for the amount of 150.00 that the company paid for him to attend. Thank you for your consideration in this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully
Eagle Hook & Ladder

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Clerk District 54 <clerk.district54@gmail.com>
To: Bob McEwan <mcewanrs98@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 4:05 PM

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