

OCEAN GROVE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2017

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with a 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", having been published in a March 2016 issue of the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster.

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

MINUTES of LAST MEETING

Following review of the December 8, 2016 meeting minutes, the board unanimously approved same following the motion of Commissioner Jarmer and second of Commissioner Deuchar

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Eagle Firehouse quote
2. Bellizia donation
3. NJ Association of Fire Districts

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

1. The board unanimously approved the quote from Ocean Grove Hardware for repairs at Eagle Firehouse after considering competing quotes, following the motion of Commissioner Gannon and second of Commissioner Ball
2. The board unanimously directed the Bellizia contribution to the general fund following the motion of Commissioner Deuchar and second of Commissioner Ball.
3. The Board recalled a past experience where the NJ Association of Fire Districts demanded payment representing several years past dues during which time the district was not a member. Provided the cost to join the NJ Association of Fire Districts does not exceed the stated annual dues of

\$300.00, the board unanimously approved same following the motion of Commissioner Ball and second of Commissioner Jarmer.

INVESTITURE OF NEW MEMBERS

1. Jacob Kay, E.H. Stokes Fire Co. No. 3 was sworn in.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board unanimously approved the bill list and accepted the treasurer's report following the motion of Commissioner Deuchar and second of Commissioner Jarmer

NEW BUSINESS

2017-01-01

Resolution to make the Olin St Firehouse available as a polling place for the following public elections:

Board of Education Election – Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Primary Election – Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
General Election – Tuesday, November 7, 2017 – 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Offered by: Commissioner Deuchar Second by: Commissioner Jarmer

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

FIRE OFFICIAL AND CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief: 2nd Asst Chief Benfer noted 4 alarms, year to date, and 1 storm duty event, further commenting on the chief's combined efforts to increase drill participation and a meeting of the chiefs and line officers on 1/18/17

PUBLIC HEARING 2017 Budget

The floor was opened for public hearing on the budget. The chairman invited those in attendance to address the Board regarding the budget. After sufficient time to allow those in attendance to indicate any desire to address the board, the chairman indicated the board might consider the resolution to adopt the budget.

2017-01-02

Resolution adopting the 2017 Budget, further subject to voter approval at the district election on February 18, 2017, as per the attached formal resolution. Offered by: Commissioner Jarmer. Second by: Commissioner Deuchar

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The floor was opened for public comment. Following ample opportunity to comment, and none being offered, Commissioner Jarmer moved for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Gannon. Unanimous agreement was noted.

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes approved by not less than a majority of the Board of Commissioners present at the February 9, 2017 meeting.

*David M. Shotwell Jr., Clerk
Neptune Township Fire District No. 2
Ocean Grove Fire District*