

THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT 2
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRUNSWICK
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
216 JOSEPH STREET * EAST BRUNSWICK * NEW JERSEY 08816

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM at the District office Meeting Room located at 216 Joseph Street, East Brunswick, New Jersey.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Lyons opened the meeting with the salute to the flag.

III. READING OF THE OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE MEETING:
Chairman Lyons read the official notice of the Regular meeting. [Attachment I]

IV. ROLL CALL: Roll Call showed Commissioners Colon, DeGraw, LeBuis, Lyons, and Weissman to be in attendance.

V. PUBLIC PORTION:

Chairman Lyons recognized the attendance of several local school PTA's Presidents wishing to discuss the implementation of permit fees for inspections of functions conducted by the PTA's. In the past, fees had not been collected for permits issued for these functions however; beginning September 2011 the practice was reviewed with fees being charged for the inspections required. PTA Presidents stated that the fees had not been included in the budgets for 2012 and requested the Board review the issue and waive fees at least for the 2012 school year. Chairman Lyons explained that inspection and fees were the responsibility of the Fire Marshal the responsibility of the Bureau of Fire Prevention regulations being established by the State of New Jersey and local ordinance.

Chairman Lyons suggested a meeting be held with Fire Marshal Verdi within the next week to discuss the issues raised. The PTA Presidents agreed, Chairman Lyons will make arrangements for the meeting which will include at least two (2) Commissioners.

VI. FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:

Fire Marshal Verdi was unable to attend the meeting, report from the Bureau was not submitted for the past month.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of December 13, 2011 Regular Meeting, were approved on a motion by Commissioner LeBuis, seconded by Commissioner Colon. Roll call showed Commissioners Colon, DeGraw, LeBuis, Lyons, and Weissman all voting Aye.

The minutes of December 31, 2011 Special Meeting, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Colon, seconded by Commissioner Weissman. Roll call showed Commissioners Colon, DeGraw, LeBuis, Lyons, and Weissman all voting Aye

VII. COMMUNICATIONS:

None

VIII TREASURERS REPORT: [Attachment II for details]

Commissioner Weissman reported the following as of December 31, 2011:

Operating Account	\$	110,728.40
Cash Mgmt Fund - General	\$	576,993.45
Cash Mgmt Fund – Fire App	\$	62,306.83
Cash Mgmt Fund LOSAP	\$	35,406.52
Cash Mgmt Dedicated Penalty FC	\$	21,353.28
Cash Mgmt New Bldg	\$	31,974.69
Cash – New WS Bldg: BOA	\$	5,270.16

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted on a motion by Commissioner Colon, seconded by Commissioner DeGraw. Roll call showed Commissioners Colon, DeGraw, LeBuis, Lyons, and Weissman all voting Aye.

The 2012 Fiscal Budget was introduced for formal adoption by Resolution 2012-01. Resolution was passed on a motion by Commissioner Weissman, seconded by Commissioner LeBuis. Roll Call showed Commissioners Colon, DeGraw, LeBuis, Lyons, and Weissman all voting Aye.

IX COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Willow Street Expansion:

Mechanical circulating pump still making excessive noise which interferes with firefighters sleeping in the bunk room. The Board received a letter from Jersey Mechanical requesting payment of outstanding invoices for the initial installation of the pump and other systems. Board responded to the letter stating the noise issue has not been resolved and the resolution is the responsibility of APS Contracting and or Goldstein Partnership. It was noted the Board does not have a contract with Jersey Mechanical. Commissioner Colon suggested a letter be forwarded to APS stating that should the problem not be resolved in the immediate future the Board will contract with another agency to correct the issue and back charge APS for the work.

X **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Grant Status:

Grant application still under review by the US Government. To date, no grants have been awarded.

2. Annual Inventory

Inventory has been completed with data being entered into the computer system.

3. Monthly Injuries

None

4. LOSAP Policy Update

Board needs records from 2011 to establish LOSAP disbursements.

5. Computer Problems

None

6. New Radio System

Chairman Lyons reported the funding question proposed to the Public on December 16, 2011 was passed/accepted by majority vote of 14 yes, 0 no. Expenditure is related to the purchase of new portable radios to work with the new radio system purchased by the Township of East Brunswick. Equipment will be purchased from the New Jersey State Cooperative Purchasing contract and in conjunction with the Township of East Brunswick.

7. Sale of Engine 803

Repairs of Engine 803 have been completed. Unit will be returned to the District in the immediate future.

8. New Vehicle Radios

All radios have been installed in the vehicles and are now functioning.

9. Shared Service

Nothing to report this month

10. PEOSHA

Board understands all deficient items found during the initial survey have been corrected. POSHA inspector may visit the facility for a follow up inspection sometime within the next week.

11. Disposal of Equipment

No Progress

XI NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Commissioners recognized Sameer Sood, David Levine and Bruno Bumbaca as a member of the Relief Association. A motion was made by Commissioner Colon, seconded by Commissioner LeBuis. Roll Call showed Commissioners Colon, DeGraw, LeBuis, Lyons, and Weissman all voting Aye.

XII FIRE CHIEF/PRESIDENT REPORT:

In the absence of Chief Withum, Captain Johnson reported the following:

Ladder 809 will be taken to KME for repairs to the ladder and body.

Unit 802 – Pick-up truck, required a new alternator and battery

Engine 806 foam line needs to be replaced and three valves need to be repaired

President Vojir had nothing to report.

XIII. PUBLIC PORTION:

No comments from the public.

XIV ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further discussion or business at this time, Commissioner Colon moved, seconded by Commissioner LeBuis that the public meeting be adjourned at 9:20 PM. Roll call showed Commissioners Colon, DeGraw, LeBuis, Lyons, and Weissman all voting Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis A. DeGraw
Clerk