

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT No. 4 — RAMTOWN
HOWELL TOWNSHIP MONMOUTH COUNTY
88 RAMTOWN-GREENVILLE RD.
HOWELL, N.J. 07731-2790

Regular Meeting December 11, 2018

Chairman Gregory Scarlato called the meeting to order at 20:00 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Scarlato read the following legal disclosure:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting its interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell, has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place, and agenda, to the extent know thereof, posted as follows:

- Published in the Asbury Park Press on December 18, 2017
- Published in the Howell Times on December 23, 2017
- Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on December 14, 2017
- Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building
- Posted on www.njfiredistricts.org

The above postings indicate that Formal Action May Be Taken.

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Scarlato, Bommer, Bailey, Stalling, and Acampora all in attendance.

It was noted that there were six (6) members of the public in attendance.

Administering the Oath of Office: None

Commissioner Acampora reported that the regular workshop Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2018 were posted on the Fire Company Bulletin Board outside the meeting room at the fire house. He then read the minutes from the regular business meeting on November 13, 2018.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Bailey. The motion passed unanimously by the Board.

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PAYMENT OF BILLS: Commissioner Bailey presented the following bills for payment:

Bills	Amount
Defender	\$ 5,505.61
Asbury Park Press #3256963	\$ 63.60
Asbury Park Press #3265584	\$ 55.90
Witmer	\$ 722.00
Witmer	\$ 50.00
Ramtown Fire Company	\$ 32,583.33
Netlink	\$ 199.00
Jersey Coast Fire	\$ 425.60
Brick MUA	\$ 7,781.40
New Jersey American Water	\$ 2,913.91
Grainger	\$ 798.64
Grainger	\$ 645.58
Motorola Solutions	\$ 4,099.95
Airpower International	\$ 18.50
Fire & Safety Services	\$ 9,152.51
Mohel Elliot Bauer	\$ 2,575.00
Optimum	\$ 168.79
Access Health	\$ 345.00
Greg Scarlato	\$ 130.00
New Jersey American Water	\$ 6,271.91
CIT	\$ 97.00
Defender	\$ 227.25
Batteries and Bulbs	\$ 204.00
Van Winkle	\$ 174.56
Liberty Mutual Insurance	\$ 3,057.92
Barry Osborn	\$ 3,150.00
Taylor Oil	\$ 159.12
Bobs Uniforms	\$ 451.50
Clothing allowance	\$ 16,860.00
Cell phone Acampora	\$ 150.00
Cell phone Scarlato	\$ 150.00
Cell phone Bommer	\$ 150.00
Cell phone Stalling	\$ 150.00
Cell phone Bailey	\$ 150.00
Cell phone Gotto	\$ 150.00

Cell phone Romano	\$ 150.00
Cell phone Murphy	\$ 150.00
Cell phone Maher	\$ 150.00
Cell phone Gilsean	\$ 150.00
Cell phone Connolly	\$ 75.00
Mike Acampora	\$ 109.58
TOTALS	\$ 100,572.16

A motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Clerk Acampora to pay the bills. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

- Scarlato – Yes, present on my own bills
- Bommer – Yes
- Bailey – Yes
- Stalling - Yes
- Acampora – Yes, present on my own bills

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sent

Chairman Scarlato e-mail to Sendzik & Sendzik pertaining to the sale of SCBAs

COMMITTEES

Executive Board

- Meeting attended by Commissioners Bommer.
- Companies are still complaining that there are radio issues.
- A radio committee will be formed with 1 commissioner from each district and 1 line offer from each district to discuss all radio issues.
- Next Executive board meeting will be held on 1/24/19.
- Next Joint Board will be held on 3/7/19.

Chief's Report

The call reports and vehicle 467 & 466 reports were provided.

The Chief reported all portable radios have been reprogrammed and are working well. The radios in the vehicles and the old Motorola 1250s will be reprogrammed at a later date.

New Jersey Natural Gas has requested to send an additional two (2) fire fighters to MA for training and will pay for the training. The commissioners agreed that additional expenses (meals, lodging, travel) will be paid for out of the training budget for two (2) fire fighters to attend the training.

Repurposing of vehicle 486 will be completed by 12/15/18. Additional ice rescue equipment is now on this vehicle. All extrication equipment will be removed from this vehicle and placed on Ladder 490.

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Scheduled delivery of the new SCBA packs from MSA is not known at this time.

The Chief is requesting that the fire police badge be given to fire fighter McMahon. Chairman Scarlato stated that ex-chief Connolly had sworn in fire fighter McMahon to fire police without first receiving approval from the Board of Fire Commissioners. In order to ensure fire fighter safety, all responding member responding to a call shall wear full NFPA protective gear. Fire fighter McMahon will need to respond wearing the newly purchased gear. As such, the Board has determined that there is no need to issue a fire police badge.

Chief Gotto stated that there was an issue with the repeater on West Farms Road being down which created radio issues. The issues have since been addressed.

Chief Gotto stated the 2019 officer swearing in ceremony will be on 1/1/19 at 11am at the Ramtown fire house. All are welcome to attend.

Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer Gilsenan was not attendance, but did submit a report to Chairman Scarlato.

All maintenance services have been completed on Ladder 490, with the exception of the replacement of the radiator hose.

A list of additional upgrades to be performed to Ladder 490 were provided to Fire & Safety and Defender, with the following quotes being submitted:

Fire and Safety - \$19,678.00

Defender - \$17,439

The two (2) proposals were reviewed by the Board and determined to be comparable to the initial quote request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to proceed with the upgrades to Ladder 490, to be performed by Defender at a cost not to exceed \$17,439.00. The motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Purchaser:

All hose nozzles were received.

Chief Gotto is reviewing the purchase order and what was shipped, as he believes the nozzles that we received are not the correct one.

The computer backup is schedule to begin in January 2019.

Printer approved at previous meeting for \$250 has not been ordered yet.

The Chief would like to purchase a new gas meter for vehicle 466 instead of purchasing the 3 pairs of bolt cutters that were approved at a previous meeting. The expense will remain the same. The Board approved this substitution.

New white helmet has been ordered for Assistant Chief Murphy.

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OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to pass Resolution #12112018 - 16 – Resolution Authorizing Notice of Public Meetings Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18. A roll call vote was taken with the following result:

Scarlato – Yes
Bommer – Yes
Stalling – Yes
Bailey – Yes
Acampora – Yes

By a unanimous vote of 5-0, the resolution passed.

Clerk Acampora stated that he will post a copy of the 2019 meeting schedule at the fire house and will also send a copy to the Ramtown Fire Company.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Chairman Scarlato thanked the Ramtown Fire Company for including the Board on the flower arrangement that was sent to President Eadicicco's family on the passing of his father in-law (Joseph Pinto)

JOINT PURCHASING COMMITTEE: None

APPLICATIONS/TERMINATIONS:

An application was received from the fire company for acceptance of a new fire fighter – Song Sop “Andy” Choe. The application was discussed for acceptance by the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to accept “Andy” Choe as a fire fighter with the Ramtown Fire Company. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

PAYROLL:

The 4th quarter payroll sheet was reviewed and approved by Chairman Scarlato and Clerk Acampora. Treasurer Stalling will transfer \$15,000.00 to the payroll account to cover the 4th quarter payroll.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Stalling reported the following balances for the for the Board's accounts:

CHECKING ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	\$ 24,755.87
INTEREST	\$ 5.47
TRANSFER	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$109,761.34

NJ – PERS TEPS Payment	\$
BILLS (toll violation)	\$ 18,435.00
BILLS PAID	<u>\$ 82,137.16</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 9,189.18

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	\$2,109,225.25
DEPOSIT (Howell Twp)	\$ 263,640.93
INTEREST	<u>\$ 1,368.65</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$2,374,234.83
TRANSFER TO PAYROLL	\$ 15,000.00
TRANSFER TO CHECKING	<u>\$ 85,000.00</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$2,274,234.83

PAYROLL ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	\$ 10,596.28
TRANSFER	\$ 15,000.00
INTEREST	<u>\$ 12.84</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 25,609.12

PAYROLL	\$
FEES	\$
FEES	<u>\$</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 25,609.12

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Commissioner Acampora and seconded by Commissioner Bailey and passed unanimously by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were seven (7) members of the public in attendance at the end of the meeting. Comments on agenda items were taken from the public while the items were being discussed by the Board.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: This concluded the business before the Board, so a motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to close the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The meeting closed at 20:50 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael L. Acampora', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael L. Acampora
Clerk