

# OCEAN GROVE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES September 14, 2017

### OPENING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert McEwan at 7:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute and a moment of silence.

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 2017 issue of the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster.

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

### MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting were approved on the motion of Comm. Deuchar and Second of Comm. Bagdanov,  
Vote: unanimous approval

### COMMUNICATIONS

Joe San Felice – question regarding SCBA mask purchase: masks were ordered and delivery is expected within the next few days.

NJAWC met with fire district, township, and CMA representatives. NJAWC will offer two proposals for routing water mains to improve delivery: one east of Ocean Ave, and one west of Ocean Ave. Hydrant replacement will complete this fall. Color coding is expected.

### ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

None required

### INVESTITURE OF NEW MEMBERS

Gerrold R. Moore, Jr., Washington Fire Co., was sworn in and issued badge #694.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

### OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Deuchar raised the lack of progress on departmental identification cards. Previously, the district was to use an online vendor, but the OGCMA offered to produce the cards, but subsequently declined when data was provided for cards. The clerk was directed to renew contact with the online vendor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Maintenance painting at Eagle Firehouse is needed. Ron Cole was directed to obtain quotes.

Attorney James Hundley informed the board and those in attendance regarding recent CEPA and OPRA developments in lawsuits involving fire districts and fire companies. The involved fire districts and fire companies are not in Ocean Grove.

Motion to authorizing closed session for personnel and legal matter following public comment, as no Board action is anticipated.

Offered by: Comm. Deuchar Second by: Comm Gannon

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

## **FIRE OFFICIAL AND CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief:           Verbal report. An independent media reporter has been noted on recent alarms. Department personnel should exercise caution and assure the safety of personnel and bystanders. The reporter may not be aware or have the expected regard for the dangers of being near apparatus and traffic at emergency scenes.

Official:        No report.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The floor was opened for public comment. After sufficient time for comment and none offered, the board adjourned to closed session.

In closed session, the fire chief reported that he was contacted by Neptune Police Department personnel regarding the conduct of a firefighter at an incident shortly after noon on September 9, 2017, at or near the Olin St firehouse. The chairman directed the attorney to investigate further and work with the clerk to determine the relevant facts of event, and report back to the Board to determine if Board action is appropriate.

Motion to reopen meeting following closed session

Offered by: Comm. Gannon

Second by: Comm. Bagdanov

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

Offered by: Comm. Gannon

Second by: Comm. Bagdanov

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

Minutes approved at the October 12, 2017 meeting of the Board of Commissioners



DAVID M. SHOTWELL JR., Clerk  
Neptune Township Fire District No. 2