

# OCEAN GROVE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES October 12, 2017

### OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p..m. followed by the Flag Salute.

Announce the meeting is 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

Minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting were approved on the motion of Commissioner Deuchar, second of Commissioner Ball,  
Vote: Unanimously approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Asst. Chief Joe San Felice – request for utility rope/rope bags and "little giant" ladders.

Asst. Chief Joe San Felice - Washington Fire Company will be taking our pumpers to the Fire Academy on October 19th to drill with Neptune City.

### ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

Motion to purchase utility ropes and bags by Commissioner Ball, second by Commissioner Deuchar. Vote: Unanimously approved.

Ron Cole directed to obtain further information regarding size/model and specific location for storing "Little Giant" ladders on 4 apparatus.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

On the motion of Commissioner Deuchar moved, and with second of Commissioner Bagdanov, the bill list and the Report of the Treasurer were unanimously approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Building Committee: meeting following this meeting.

The clerk reported poor responses from online vendors but, that the township process changed and is a viable solution now. Purchasing a system would cost between \$1,500 and \$3,000, in addition to continuing costs for toner and supplies.

The Board directed Ron Cole to obtain estimates for exterior painting at Eagle Firehouse.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2017-10-01 A Resolution to purchase 3 SCBA masks for upgrade

The Board will purchase three SCBA masks at a cost of \$3,537.00 to upgrade three SCBA units.

Offered by: Commissioner Gannon      Second by: Commissioner Deuchar

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

Motion to authorizing closed session for personnel matter.

Offered by: Commissioner Deuchar      Second by: Commissioner Ball

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:      No Report

Official:      attached, 12 inspections, annual SCBA and pump inspections complete. Ladder inspection scheduled 10/24/2017.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Concern was expressed regarding integrity of the garage roof. The water supply system to the Great Auditorium fire suppression system was found to be

compromised earlier in the day (October 12) but will be restored tomorrow (October 13). In the event of an alarm at the facility, the system is to be supplied by responding fire apparatus with charge lines to the FDC at the south side near the tabernacle.

Motion to reopen meeting following closed session

Offered by: Comm Deuchar      Second by: Comm. Ball

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. Deuchar      Second by: Comm Ball  
Unanimously approved.

## **CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

1. With reference to an event occurring on September 9, the Board may wish to take formal action regarding the conduct of a member of the department. The member will be provided with formal (Rice) notice that action may occur at the November 9 meeting.
2. After review of the criminal background report, the board attorney opined that board policy and township ordinance prohibit favorable action on a membership application submitted recently. The applicant is to be informed accordingly, enclosing a copy of the policy. The applicant will also be informed of the right to a confidential hearing with the board to present evidence that the information in the report is erroneous. The clerk did not receive the application from the fire company and will obtain same so that the applicant can be contacted consistent with the information provided in the application form.

Minutes approved at the November 9, 2017 meeting of the Board of Commissioners

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David M. Shotwell Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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