

OCEAN GROVE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2015

OPENING

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

The clerk announced 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 2015 issue of the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster.

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

MINUTES of LAST MEETING

The minutes of the September 10 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Commissioner Deuchar and second of Commissioner Jarmer.

COMMUNICATIONS

Neptune Township – re OEM vehicle

Stokes Fire Co – renovating bathroom

Aerial Testing Co – hydraulic fluid test reported

Joseph San Felice II – hydrants

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

On the motion of Commissioner Jarmer and second of Commissioner Gannon, the Board approved housing the OEM vehicle in the vacant EMS bay.

The Board directed Stokes Fire Co to provide further information, including estimates, regarding the proposed renovation to the bathroom.

The clerk will advise NJAWC concerning the unbagged black hydrant. Consideration for locating additional hydrants was noted for future upgrades.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The bill list was approved and the treasurer's report accepted on the motion of Commissioner Deuchar and second of Commissioner Jarmer. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Brief discussion followed regarding:

Turn out gear compliance. Gear in need of cleaning or repair can be turned into Ron Cole. A department vendor cleans and repairs gear. Gear is inspected annually, and upon being presented to the paid firefighter.

Olin St. Roof. No information available at this meeting.

Eagle Firehouse wall. No information available at this meeting.

Toyne. PTO compressor switch to be installed and valves for CAFS to be replaced on October 10.

NEW BUSINESS

No action under New Business

FIRE OFFICIAL AND CHIEF'S REPORT

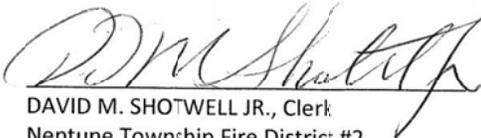
Chief: No report at the meeting

Official: No report at the meeting

PUBLIC HEARING

Following public comment and question, a motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Jarmer with a second from Commissioner Jarmer, and followed by unanimous agreement of the Board.

Minutes approved, November 12, 2015



DAVID M. SHOTWELL JR., Clerk
Neptune Township Fire District #2

Mary Beth Jahn, Mayor
Kevin B. McMillan, Deputy Mayor
J. Randy Bishop
Dr. Michael Brantley
Eric J. Houghtaling



Vito D. Gadaleta, R.M.C., Q.P.A.
Business Administrator
Richard J. Cuttrell, R.M.C.
Township Clerk
Michael J. Bascom, C.M.F.O., C.T.C.
Chief Financial Officer
Police Director

October 8, 2015

Mr. Robert McEwan, Chairman
Neptune Fire District No.2 (Ocean Grove)
50 Olin Street
Ocean Grove, NJ 07756

Dear Chairman McEwan:

Neptune Township appreciates the fire district's continued commitment to the ANSWER Team. The team would not be complete without the time and efforts contributed by the Ocean Grove personnel. While all participate sometimes, the fire police are utilized on nearly every ANSWER dispatch.

The Township provides the ambulances for all four Neptune Township volunteer EMS agencies, including Ocean Grove. Due to the recent decrease in the number of Township ambulances, there is only a need to house one ambulance in Ocean Grove. Spare ambulances for use by the volunteer and paid EMS squads will be housed elsewhere in the Township and moved to the appropriate station when the regularly assigned rig is out for service or on an extended assignment elsewhere. The Township requests the Board house an OEM/ANSWER pick-up truck in the bay space vacated when the second ambulance was removed from service. The truck is designated for primary use by rescue swimmers responding from and to the Ocean Grove beachfront and surrounding areas, but is also assigned secondarily to other emergency management functions, including EMS support. All liability associated with the truck and its operation would remain with Neptune Township as it did with the ambulance.

I thank the Board for its past commitment to serving not only the residents and visitors to Ocean Grove and the surrounding communities, and for the Board's consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Bascom
Emergency Management Coordinator