



Winslow Township Fire District #1



August 25, 2010

Winslow Township Fire District #1
9 Cedar Brook Road
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP, FIRE DISTRICT #1

MEETING LOCATION: Winslow Township Municipal Building-Court Room

OPENING OF MEETING:

Vice Chairman Passarella called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

SALUTE TO FLAG:

All present pledged their Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Gallo, present
Secretary Mammucari arrived at 7:50 p.m.
Treasurer Pantalone, present
Commissioner Passarella, present
Chairman Sirolli, absent

DISTRICT OFFICIAL'S PRESENT:

Terry Osborne, Chief of Department

OTHER'S PRESENT:

Mr. David Patterson, Board Solicitor

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Administrative Clerk Pataky announced that the meeting was conducted in full compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Law", and that Notice was sent to the Courier Post, Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Record Breeze. In addition, due Notice was posted on the Official Bulletin Board of Winslow Township and no smoking was permitted in the room during the meeting. Administrative Clerk Pataky then indicated where the emergency exits were.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING/REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

A motion was made by Treasurer Pantalone seconded by Commissioner Gallo to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- July 15, 2010 Special Meeting – Personnel Discussions
- July 28, 2010 Workshop Meeting
- July 28, 2010 Regular Monthly Business Meeting

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSIONS

A motion was made by Treasurer Pantalone and seconded by Commissioner Gallo to approve the minutes of the following closed meetings:

- July 15, 2010
- July 28, 2010

All were in favor.

August 4, 2010's President's Meeting was provided to the Board for review.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

PAYROLL TRANSFER- Treasurer Pantalone made a motion to approve the payroll transfers for the month of July in the amount of \$89,000.00. Vice Chairman seconded the motion and all were in favor.

CLAIMS LIST – Treasurer Pantalone made a motion to approve the Claim's List for the month of August – Check #'s 15522 through 15650 totaling \$351,096.84. Vice Chairman Passarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PAYCHEX ADMINISTRATION FEES- Treasurer Pantalone made a motion to approve the administration fees for the month of July in the amount of \$692.45. Commissioner Gallo seconded the motion and all were in favor.

REPORTS- Copies of the budget status, revenue account status and negative account status reports were provided for review.

OUTSTANDING INVOICES- One.

RESOLUTIONS:

10-53, To Dispose of Equipment- A motion was made by Treasurer Pantalone and seconded by Vice Chairman Passarella to approve Resolution 10-53, to dispose of equipment (computer monitor). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Gallo, yes
Treasurer Pantalone, yes
Chairman Sirolli, absent

Secretary Mammucari, absent
Vice Chairman Passarella, yes

10-54, AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY- A motion was made by Treasurer Pantalone and seconded by Vice Chairman Passarella to approve Resolution 10-54, authorizing the public sale of certain personal property (three pieces of apparatus). The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Gallo, yes
Treasurer Pantalone, yes
Chairman Sirolli, absent

Secretary Mammucari, absent
Vice Chairman Passarella, yes

10-55, AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE PROVIDING OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES RELATIVE TO VARIOUS FIRETRUCKS- A motion was made by Treasurer Pantalone and seconded by Commissioner Gallo to approve Resolution 10-55, to authorize advertisement for bids for providing maintenance services relative to various firetrucks. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Gallo, yes
Treasurer Pantalone, yes
Chairman Sirolli, absent

Secretary Mammucari, absent
Vice Chairman Passarella, yes

10-56, AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER SERVER- A motion was made by Commissioner Gallo and seconded by Treasurer Pantalone to approve Resolution 10-56, to authorize the purchase of a computer server. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Gallo, yes
Treasurer Pantalone, yes
Chairman Sirolli, absent

Secretary Mammucari, absent
Vice Chairman Passarella, yes

10-57, AUTHORIZING SPECIFICATIONS FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE RETROFITTING OF EQUIPMENT RELATIVE TO 2511- A motion was made by Treasurer Pantalone and seconded by Vice Chairman Passarella to approve Resolution 10-57, authorizing specifications for request for proposals for retrofitting equipment relative to 2511. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Gallo, yes
Treasurer Pantalone, yes
Chairman Sirolli, absent

Secretary Mammucari, absent
Vice Chairman Passarella, yes

10-59, AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ARCHITECTURAL FIRM RODIER EBERSBERGER FOR PHASE I-PART A-DISTRICT WIDE SPATIAL ANALYSIS STUDY (UNDER THE CONDITION OF REVIEW BY SOLICITOR PATTERSON'S OFFICE)-

A motion was made by Treasurer Pantalone and seconded by Vice Chairman Passarella to approve Resolution 10-59, authorizing the hiring of the architectural firm Rodier Ebersberger for Phase I-Part A of the District Wide Spatial Analysis study, under the conditional review of Solicitor Patterson's Office. The roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Gallo, yes
Treasurer Pantalone, yes
Chairman Sirolli, absent

Secretary Mammucari, absent
Vice Chairman Passarella, yes

OFFICER REPORTS

- Review of Deputy Chief Scardino's report
- Battalion Chief Rigberg's report provided for review
- Captain Friend's report provided for review

NEW BUSINESS

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

INSURANCE CLAIMS:

ONE REVIEWED.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

NONE.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS:

NONE.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGE IN STATUS:

NONE.

MEMBERSHIP RE-ACTIVATION:

NONE.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER(S):

NONE.

COMMENTS BY FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

NONE.

POLICE LIAISON:

NONE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Paul Sickler, Shop Steward for IAFF Local 3249, spoke on last month's meeting issues concerning Firefighter Friend and his DOP status, stating that he felt that the Board exhibited unprofessionalism with regard to the lack of communications to Union Representation. He then spoke on the meetings earlier on where he met with Commissioner's Pantalone and Sirolli. Since that time, there were no additional communications and that he has only spoken to Chief Osborne or Board Members when the Union has asked them to meet. Referenced was a letter provided to Chief Osborne a few months back, which pertained to Michael Scardino's status in the local. Contract negotiations were said to have commenced between Michael Scardino and the Collective Bargaining Agreement yet nothing was received officially that he is in the Union but is paying union dues on his own.

Chief Osborne stated that discussions transpired between Special Labor Counsel Garcia and President of IAFF Local 3249, Keith Kemery on Michael Scardino's status, with further mentioned that this Collective Bargaining Agreement prohibits him from being a member. Furthermore, he advised that the Fire District's position is that he is not a member of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and not a member of the Union. Solicitor Patterson commented that Michael Scardino can pay dues to the union, and that paying them was up to him, but the Fire District's Labor Counsel has indicated that he cannot be a part of that Union, he is not part of the Union, and he cannot be recognized as a member of the Union. It was not certain that this was conveyed to Michael Scardino. Shop Steward Sickler expressed displeasure as this information was never passed along to him and asked for something in writing so that he may take this back to the Local. An additional request was made that any communications exchanged between Labor Counsel Garcia and the Union President be copied to him. He then referred to previous contract negotiations that were handled without President Kemery being involved, yet recent discussions involving this matter were directed to the President without his knowledge. His feeling was that many issues could have been handled by a phone call.

Shop Steward Sickler was advised by Chief Osborne that he was directed by Labor Counsel Garcia as to whom/when to contact, which was the President of the Local, Keith Kemery. Solicitor Patterson made the advisement that the shop steward does not need to be copied on all issues but could be and that this decision would need to be made by the Board and Labor Counsel. Administrative Clerk Pataky commented on her knowledge of the issue, advising that the Labor Counsel's opinion was that this could have indirectly effected Paul Sickler's position as a Provisional Lieutenant; therefore discussions would be directed to the Union President. At the conclusion of this discussion, Chief Osborne advised that he would approach Labor Counsel Garcia for her recommendation on this request.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT- Shop Steward/Lt. Sickler made inquiry on references of the firm appointed during earlier in the meeting. His knowledge of the firm did not have positive feedback through another Township organization. He was advised that background investigations were done with a committee who reviewed RFP's and references with the determination of appointing the firm.

Lt. Sickler expressed his concerns over the Board's indecision to seek bond. Treasurer Pantalone reminded Lt. Sickler that the buildings, with the exception of Station 7, are all stationed owned therefore it is not the Fire District's and Taxpayer's responsibility to repair them. He then questioned the Board's plans for the buildings and apparatus. He was advised that the Board has lagged in the area but are now moving forward and hoped to have a plan together by next year.

Secretary Mammucari closed Public Participation.

CLOSED SESSION:

RESOLUTION 10-58 CLOSED SESSION- A motion was made by Treasurer Pantalone and seconded by Secretary Mammucari to approve Resolution 10-58, Authorizing Closed Session. Solicitor Patterson announced that closed session discussions are for personnel reasons. The roll call vote was unanimous and in the affirmative. The recorded time was 8:06 p.m.

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING:

A motion was made by Treasurer Pantalone and seconded by Vice Chairman Passarella to return from closed session at 8:16 p.m. The following roll call was held:

Commissioner Gallo, yes
Treasurer Pantalone, yes
Chairman Sirolli, absent

Secretary Mammucari, present
Vice Chairman Passarella, yes

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: A motion was made by Commissioner Gallo and seconded by Secretary Mammucari to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Vice Chairman Passarella adjourned the meeting.

Approved during the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of: September 22, 2010

Prepared by: pj

Reviewed by: LLP

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