

**PORT READING BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
PORT READING, NJ 07064
July 2, 2012**

The Board Clerk read the "Open Meeting Act" requirements. The Port Reading Board of Fire Commissioners Monthly Public Meeting of July 2, 2012 was called to order by Commissioner Nardiello at 7:30 pm. Four Commissioners were present: Comm. Nardiello, Comm. Huber, Comm. Galvach and Comm. Santorelli. Board Accountants John Ur and Maria Bucsanszky were present. Board Attorney Tom Buck was present. Board Clerk Marianne DeSantis was present.

Comm. Zullo was on vacation.

Reviewed minutes from the June 4, 2012 monthly meeting.

Comm. Nardiello reiterated that Local 90 President Keith Repace exhibited "unmitigated gall" with his recent comment that the Board was "mismanaged" since his organization was recently under investigation for \$85,000 in missing funds. Comm. Nardiello also expressed that the comment was offensive to our fine accounting firm and that when you "attack us, you attack us all".

MOTION to accept June 4 minutes made by Comm. Santorelli, seconded by Comm. Galvach. All in favor 4-0.

FIRE OFFICIALS REPORT:

The Fire Officials Report is up to date and will be made part of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance	\$ 473,627.10
Deposits	\$ 85,291.75
Interest	\$ 57.38
Payroll	\$(69,586.17)
Payroll Tax/Adjustments	\$ (2,290.07)
Disbursements for the Month	<u>\$(74,183.90)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 412,916.09

MOTION to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Comm. Santorelli, seconded by Comm. Galvach. All in favor 4-0.

BILLS TO BE PAID: \$74,183.90

Comm. Galvach stated that we should receive a \$12.00 credit from Nappa Auto Parts for a battery that was returned.

Comm. Nardiello stated that he would speak to Comm. Zullo regarding Item # 27099, for "AT&T" in the amount of \$51.86, which Board Accountant Bucsanszky stated should have been rolled over to Comcast.

MOTION to pay July bills was made by Comm. Santorelli, seconded by Comm. Huber. All in favor 4-0.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief reported calls for the month of June for a total of 14 calls, 1 drill and 1 meeting for a total of 16 calls.

Chief reported that he handed the turnpike check to Comm. Nardiello, less money from the Memorial Day expenditure costs and that the receipts were attached.

Chief stated that in his absence, the Assistant Chief Norelli arranged the schedule for the fireworks in the park for tomorrow evening to be one crew in the park and one crew out. Comm. Santorelli confirmed that the career driver is scheduled to come in at 6:00pm.

Chief reported that the annual fund drive letter was approved by Comm. Nardiello and that the envelopes have been distributed.

Comm. Nardiello reported that Assistant Chief Norelli did a good job in the Chief's absence.

Chief reported that they will be taking one engine and the pick up truck to the Saints Carnival Fireworks on Friday, July 6. The Chief stated that as per Fire Official Small, they should arrive one hour prior to set up for the 9:15pm fireworks. Chief stated that they will arrive at 8:00pm and will leave fifteen to twenty minutes afterwards. Comm. Nardiello confirmed with Fire Official Small that they were not required to be present at the carnival all five days, only the hour prior to and including the fireworks display.

MOTION to accept the Chief's Report made by Comm. Huber, seconded by Comm. Santorelli. All in favor 4-0.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

Comm. Nardiello gave an update on the exhaust system fitting on the ambulance.

Comm. Nardiello suggested having a backup mechanic since the pickup truck has been out of service for twenty days. Comm. Galvach reported that it was not a case of the mechanic not being able to fix the truck and that there were several incidents reported regarding the pick up truck. Comm. Galvach stated that it was his call not to have the truck towed until he could take a look at it him himself. Comm. Galvach stressed that he would prefer to only have reputable technicians work on the apparatus.

Assistant Chief Norelli stated that his place of employment in Linden works on ambulances and first response vehicles and gives reasonable quotes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Comm. Huber reported that the parking lot looks good across the street and the paid staff will continue to maintain the lot. Comm. Huber suggested sending a thank you letter to the traffic maintenance department for painting the lines in the parking lot and stated that the Commissioners still need to get together to clean out the office.

Comm. Santorelli reported that they are close to settling the contract negotiations and they hope to have a Memorandum of Agreement within the month.

Comm. Santorelli will follow up with Comm. Zullo upon his return from vacation regarding the hall rental.

Comm. Huber stated that he would get two more quotes for the door downstairs.

Comm. Nardiello will follow up with Comm. Zullo on the status of the hood system.

Comm. Galvach was excused at 8:00pm.

Comm. Nardiello stated that we will follow the NJAC State Certification policy regarding probies and requested that Firefighter Renaldi obtain a copy and post it.

Comm. Nardiello reported that Board checks will now be paid monthly in order to better assist the accountants to avoid filing issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comm. Huber stated that they will hold off on the door downstairs until the next budget due to the upcoming hood system work in the kitchen.

Comm. Huber reported that the Chief is currently working on the bell.

Comm. Nardiello reported that he asked Firefighter Renaldi to pursue the Safer Grant, which has a close date of July 8 or July 9.

Comm. Santorelli asked the attorney if there was any correspondence from the Joint Board, which the attorney responded there was not.

TAXPAYER COMMENTS:

Mr. Daniel Belenski inquired about the wording in the letter from the insurance company denying his claim. Board Accountant Bucsanszky suggested resubmitting the claim with a summary.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 8:15pm made by Comm. Santorelli, seconded by Comm. Huber. All in favor 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DeSantis
Board Clerk