

**PORT READING BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  
PORT READING, NJ 07064  
June 4, 2012**

The Board Clerk read the "Open Meeting Act" requirements. The Port Reading Board of Fire Commissioners Monthly Public Meeting of June 4, 2012 was called to order by Commissioner Nardiello at 7:30 pm. Four Commissioners were present: Comm. Nardiello, Comm. Huber, Comm. Zullo 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. Galvach called stating that he would be tardy.

Reviewed minutes from the May 7, 2012 monthly meeting.

Comm. Nardiello stated that he would not be voting on the May 7 minutes since he was out of town due to a death in the family.

MOTION to accept the May 7 minutes made by Comm. Santorelli, seconded by Comm. Zullo. All in favor 3-0.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:** \$126,750.71.

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

MOTION to pay add-on bill for \$112.84 to "Home Depot" and \$500.00 to "Welstead Landscaping" was made by Comm. Zullo, seconded by Comm. Santorelli. All in favor 4-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance                     | \$ 276,206.38         |
| Deposits                    | \$ 400,394.25         |
| Interest                    | \$ 138.96             |
| Payroll                     | \$( 76,451.36)        |
| Payroll Tax/Adjustments     | \$ 89.58              |
| Disbursements for the Month | <u>\$(126,750.71)</u> |
| Ending Balance              | \$ 473,627.10         |

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

Board Accountant Bucsanszky stated that the second Treasurer's report shows the true operating account balance and that the truck reserve will be paid back tomorrow.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief reported calls for the month of May for a total of 17 calls, 2 drills, and 1 meeting for a total of 20 calls.

Chief reported that Kurt Delebro has been in fire school and was informed that he is currently at the top of his class. Chief inquired about a policy regarding what probies can do at fire safety. Comm. Nardiello requested that the Chief find out how far Delebro has accelerated and will consult with our attorney.

Chief reported that he has interviewed a possible member and that one person is going into the process.

Chief thanked the Board for the use of the pick up truck for the Boot Drive.

Chief stated that he is drafting a letter for the annual fund drive and will show the Board and attorney at the next meeting.

Chief requested that an even exchange be made regarding costs incurred from Memorial Day that the fire company paid and the check from the turnpike, which the Board agreed to.

Comm. Nardiello congratulated the Chief on his efforts regarding Palm Sunday and Memorial Day.

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

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT:**

Captain's report was not available at this time and tabled until the July Meeting.

**FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:**

Fire Official's report was not available at this time and tabled until the July Meeting.

Comm. Nardiello stated that he has reached out to the Fire Official since a number of the Fire Official's reports have not been submitted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

Comm. Zullo reported on the status of the hood system in the kitchen and recommended "Comp Fire" with a quote of \$2,529.00, which will come with certification, permits and inspection by the township. Comm. Zullo stated that the kitchen will be closed until the work is completed. Comm. Huber stated that this work needs to be done if the hall is going to be rented.

Comm. Zullo and the attorney are currently discussing the policy regarding rental fees for the hall. Comm. Nardiello recommended that two separate hall rental agreements be prepared (one agreement for the public and one agreement for members) for the next meeting.

Comm. Huber reiterated that the downstairs needs to be closed when the hall is rented.

MOTION to hire "Comp Fire" to get the hood system completed for \$2,529.00, not to exceed \$2,800.00 made by Comm. Zullo, seconded by Comm. Huber. All in favor 4-0.

Comm. Huber reported that the landscaping work in the parking lot across the street is complete and that the career staff will continue to maintain the lot.

Comm. Huber reported that the traffic maintenance department painted the curbing and lines in the parking lot and that the career men can take care of the little step that was left out.

Comm. Huber stated that the three monuments that were cleaned for Memorial Day look great and that the Chief will be putting a new clapper in the bell.

Comm. Huber requested that the Board get together one day to clean and organize the Commissioner's room.

Comm. Nardiello commented on the good job regarding the parking lot and monuments.

Comm. Galvach arrived at 8:10 pm.

Comm. Santorelli stated that he received a letter from the insurance company denying Daniel Belensky's claim and requested that Board Accountant Bucsanszky mail the letter to Mr. Belensky.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Comm. Santorelli requested that the Captain submit an apparatus report for each call in his monthly Captain's Report.

Comm. Galvach spoke to the Captain after the prior meeting requesting to go back to the log book for any apparatus used other than for a fire call and agrees that it is better to record all apparatus use.

Comm. Zullo reported an exterminator was called due to some critters getting in through the rotted door downstairs. Comm. Huber received an estimate of \$2,675.00 from Mike Majur to replace the door, which the Board will hold off on making a decision due to funds.

Comm. Nardiello stated that all of the Commissioners need to turn in their disclosure forms to John Mitch's office and advised them to do so as soon as possible.

Comm. Nardiello requested that Board Accountant Bucsanszky draft a letter requesting the option of making pension payments bi-annually or quarterly to avoid the need to dip into the truck reserve in the future.

#### **TAXPAYER COMMENTS:**

Comm. Nardiello expressed that he took offense to a comment made by the Local 290 President Keith Repace while discussing the vacation grievance. Mr. Repace stated "perhaps you boys are sinking and are mismanaged," referring to our fire district. Comm. Nardiello stated that even though he respects Mr. Repace, he felt that the statement was hypocritical and repulsive due to the fact that the organization that Mr. Repace represents was under investigation for \$85,000 that was missing and thinks the Board is owed an apology. Comm. Nardiello pointed out that if we did what Mr. Repace wanted and go into extra overtime then we would be mismanaging taxpayers' funds. This would be giving excessive overtime to cover a shift because he thinks we should not include our Captain in that segment of the operation from Monday though Friday.

Comm. Nardiello feels that Mr. Repace crossed the line with his comment and that it was unfair to the Board, the taxpayers and the accountants who keep a close eye on our books. Comm. Nardiello inquired with the auditor and asked if we were mismanaged and he replied "absolutely not" since this comment was made by someone from Woodbridge once before.

Comm. Santorelli stated that he and Comm. Galvach would be meeting tomorrow at 8:00 pm with Firefighters Douglas, Terebetsky and Fizer to resolve the vacation issue since there was a great deal of misinformation. Comm. Nardiello stated that if the issue cannot be resolved then we would need to go to arbitration.

Mr. Repace had no comments at this time, but stated if you feel that the comment was "name calling", that is your opinion. Comm. Nardiello retracted and stated that it was a character assassination of this Board and that it was wrong and will not be tolerated.

MOTION to enter Executive Session at 8:28pm to discuss a personnel matter made by Comm. Santorelli, seconded by Comm. Galvach. All in favor 5-0.

MOTION out of Executive Session at 8:44pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Matters discussed during Executive Session were personnel matters regarding contract negotiations and salary distributions.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 8:48pm made by Comm. Zullo, seconded by Comm. Santorelli. All in favor 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DeSantis  
Board Clerk