

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

The Board Clerk read the "Open Meeting Act" requirements. The Port Reading Board of Fire Commissioners Monthly Public Meeting of March 4, 2012 was called to order by Commissioner Santorelli at 7:30 pm. Four Commissioners were present: Comm. Santorelli, Comm. Galvach, Comm. Zullo and Comm. Nardiello. Board Accountants John Ur and Maria Bucsanszky were present. Board Attorney Tom Buck was present. Board Clerk Marianne DeSantis was present.

Comm. Huber was on vacation.

Comm. Santorelli opened the meeting by reading the Resolution certifying the February 18, 2012 Fire Election results. Comm. Zullo was re-elected (85 votes/0 write-in votes) and the Budget was approved 70-21.

Mayor McCormac swore in Comm. Zullo as Commissioner.

Mayor McCormac stated he was happy to be here to do this for Comm. Zullo

Comm. Santorelli called a ten minute recess to take photographs.

Nomination for President:

Comm. Zullo nominated Comm. Nardiello, seconded by Comm. Galvach.
All in favor 4-0.

Nomination for First Vice-President:

Comm. Santorelli nominated Comm. Galvach, seconded by Comm. Zullo.
All in favor 4-0.

Nomination for Second Vice-President:

Comm. Santorelli nominated Comm. Huber, seconded by Comm. Galvach.
All in favor 4-0.

Nomination for Treasurer:

Comm. Santorelli nominated Comm. Zullo, seconded by Comm. Galvach.
All in favor 4-0.

Nomination for Secretary:

Comm. Galvach nominated Comm. Santorelli, seconded by Comm. Zullo.
All in favor 4-0.

Comm. Nardiello congratulated the Board and thanked Comm. Santorelli and Comm. Galvach for their time and leadership on the Board.

Comm. Nardiello stated for the record to the floor that everyone would be heard and no one would be shut out, but requested that one meeting at a time take place for clarity for meeting minutes purposes.

Comm. Galvach extended his gratitude to Comm. Santorelli for serving as President and stated that a great deal needed to get done, which he accomplished. Comm. Galvach congratulated Comm. Nardiello and wished him continued success.

Comm. Santorelli congratulated Comm. Zullo on his re-election and Comm. Nardiello's term as President.

Comm. Zullo thanked Comm. Santorelli for a great job as President, which during his term has been proven to be a very good year for this organization. Comm. Zullo congratulated Comm. Nardiello and wished him good luck in his new position.

Comm. Zullo thanked Comm. Galvach for all he has brought to this table and for always giving 100%.

Reviewed minutes from the February 6, 2012 monthly meeting.

MOTION to accept February 6th meeting minutes made by Comm. Zullo, seconded by Comm. Galvach. All in favor 4-0.

BILLS TO BE PAID: \$45,011.48

Comm. Galvach inquired about Bill #26995 for "Welstead Landscaping," which Comm. Santorelli confirmed was for the entire season and that Tru Green Chemlawn would be eliminated.

MOTION to remove "Industrial Combustion Associates" bill for a gas relief valve for the boiler was made by Comm. Zullo, seconded by Comm. Santorelli. All in favor. 4-0.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance	\$ 353,069.86
Deposits	\$ 400,478.25
Interest	\$ 312.29
Payroll	\$(64,637.00)
Payroll Tax/Adjustments	\$ 1,917.51
Disbursements for the Month	\$(45,011.48)
Ending Balance	\$ 646,129.43

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

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

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

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief reported calls for the month of February for a total of 11 calls.

Chief reported that all members attended the CPR Drill and will receive their re-certification.

Chief congratulated Comm. Zullo on his re-election.

Chief requested permission to take an engine and the pick-up truck to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 11, which was approved.

Chief reported that a new member was sworn in at the last meeting and was beginning fire school that evening.

Comm. Zullo stated that the Captain should be made aware of the vehicles that will be used in the parade so that they are clean.

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

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Comm. Santorelli stated that Comm. Huber suggested either purchasing a trailer for storage or removing the old boiler and use that area for storage. Comm. Zullo suggested finding someone to remove the old boiler for free and let them scrap it.

Comm. Santorelli stated that a directive for the use of the hall needs to be put in place since there have been complaints from the staff that the hall is not being cleaned properly by renters. Comm. Zullo and Attorney Tom Buck will discuss a new directive and possible retainer fee for renters. Comm. Nardiello stated that all personnel employed here will be notified that if they wish to use the hall, they need to go through the Chair or

present themselves at a public meeting for permission. Comm. Nardiello stated a reminder that renters are not allowed to park in the parking lot and Comm. Zullo reported that he will look into purchasing cones to put in front of the apron since we cannot use the ones of the trucks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comm. Zullo reported that the heating system downstairs is complete and there is equal heat throughout the building. Comm. Zullo stated that there will be some trial and error as to how to adjust the heat to be most cost efficient.

Comm. Zullo thanked the Board and the Port Reading organizations for getting the budget passed.

Comm. Nardiello inquired about the fire hose testing, which is approximately the same price as last year.

MOTION to use "Fail Safe Services" for fire hose testing made by Comm. Galvach, seconded by Comm. Santorelli. All in favor 4-0.

Comm. Nardiello noted the following appointments:

Accounting – Casazza & John Ur

Auditor – Hodulik & Morrison

Attorney – Tom Buck

Eric Bernstein (Contract Negotiations)

Newspaper - Home News & Tribune

Star Ledger

Official Bank – Columbia Bank

Sovereign Bank

Board Clerk – Marianne DeSantis

LOSAP Coordinator – John Ur

The Committee Appointments will remain the same:

Radios & Alarms – Comms. Nardiello and Santorelli

Personnel & Negotiations – Comms. Santorelli and Galvach

Buildings & Grounds – Comms. Huber and Zullo

Trucks – Comm Galvach

Gear & Equipment – Comm. Nardiello

Hall Rental – Comm. Zullo

Health & Safety – Comms. Nardiello and Huber

Fire Prevention – Comm. Santorelli

MOTION to accept the above appointments made by Comm. Zullo, seconded by Comm. Santorelli. All in favor 4-0.

MOTION to appoint Brian Small as Fire Official, all in favor 4-0.

Comm. Nardiello congratulated Comm. Zullo and thanked Comm. Santorelli for his leadership.

TAXPAYER COMMENTS:

Chief suggested that the heat be put on a lower temperature or a timer.

Chief stated that the Port Reading Exempts were asked to host the County Executive Meeting on April 16 and as the Vice President, requested permission to use the hall.

Comm. Nardeillo stated that fire company functions and then first aid squad functions will take precedent over any other functions.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 8:30pm made by Comm. Santorelli, seconded by Comm. Galvach. All in favor 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne DeSantis
Board Clerk