

THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  
BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

February 4, 2021 Minutes

Regular Meeting

Albert Neis called the regular meeting of the Commissioners to order at 19:30, at which time the pledge to the flag was given.

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Albert Neis read the following statement; “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Meetings Act by the adoption of a schedule of meetings and notice thereof being posted in the municipal building, being filed with the municipal clerk and being transmitted to the Hub and the Coaster all within 48 hours prior to this meeting. And posted on the website and held in accordance with an executive order in relation to virtual meetings due to the pandemic.”

When the roll call was taken, it showed Albert Neis, Brendan Tobin, and Charles Bell, Peter Maclearie, and Mason Lewis at the meeting. Peter Maclearie was remote.

Brendan Tobin made a motion to reorganize, staying the same, with a second by Charles Bell. All in favor.

Charles Bell made a motion for a consent agenda with a second from Brendan Tobin. All in favor.

- 3-21 Authorizing Appointment of Accountant for the 2021-2022 Year
- 4-21 Authorizing Appointment of Attorney for the 2021-2022 Year
- 5-21 Authorizing Appointment of Auditor for the 2021-2022 Year
- 6-21 Adoption of Cash Management Plan
- 7-21 Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2021-2022 Year
- 8-21 Designation of Official Newspapers for Publications for 2021-2022 Year
- 9-21 Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims
- 10-21 Authorizing Reappointment of Qualified Purchasing Agent
- 11-21 Designating Surety Bonding For Commissioners

Brendan Tobin made a motion to approve the minutes from the January regular meetings with a second from Charles Bell. All in favor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mason Lewis mentioned the open records request that Richard Braslow mentioned during the workshop. Peter Maclearie said that he spoke with the workers comp auditor and the budget review. He asked for the membership by month, LOSAP reports, and 1099 reports. Peter Maclearie said the auditor wanted a report by month for members engaged in firematic activities. Peter Maclearie said that someone reached out to talk about our insurance policies and said he would be happy to explore its options.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Brendan Tobin said that a memorandum was signed for a joint grant with District 1, and the application was accepted for review. The Infectious Disease Control Plan has a proposed update, and Daniel Palvino worked on it and would like to remain the infection control officer.

Next, Brendan Tobin mentioned that rosters still show people who no longer ride and asked the chiefs to clean up their rosters.

Then he brought up ending the contract with Jim Ogle as training officer effective 2/28. He made a motion to end the contract with a second by Charles Bell. All in favor. Most opinions received were in favor of this motion. All in favor. Brendan Tobin said he would let Jim Ogle know.

Brendan Tobin brought up a possible 186 replacement truck from Pierce that has not been delivered to their intended buyers. Pierce is changing the engine to be compliant within the USA. This is a 2105 build and titled a 2021 truck with warranties starting at delivery. These would closely match the designs that they have been looking at. Ex-Chief Steve Park mentioned that this truck would cost less but still require some changes; he estimated \$150,000 for the changes. Bringing the total estimated cost to under \$900,000, less than their original price range. Brendan and Steve both said the dealer indicated they could work with the cost of the changes. Chief Evankow noted the cost of this new truck would be over

one million dollars. Steve Park said the changes requested would be lighting, seating, painting, storage, air tool compressor added, and other interior changes. Albert Neis expressed his concerns over Station 1 settling and changing on a truck instead of designing what they want.

Steve Park and Daniel Evankow expressed their support for the truck. Peter Maclearie asked a few questions on the details that Steve Park and Daniel Evankow addressed. Richard Braslow questioned who the seller was and said it might be subject to bid if they are not part of a co-op or state bid. Steve Park got the seller on the phone via speakerphone. The seller said they were a member of the co-op NPPGOV. Richard Braslow said a deposit at the time of repainting was questionable since public entities are not supposed to prepay. Peter Maclearie said it might be the cost to paint. Mason Lewis asked how long it would take to finalize the cost of the change, and it was determined it would be lengthy.

Peter Maclearie made a motion to approve the purchase of the fire truck with a second by Brendan Tobin \$699,000. Yes – Charles Bell, Peter Maclearie, Brendan Tobin. No- Mason Lewis, Albert Neis. The motion passed. (Resolution 14-21 Authorizing Award of Contract Relative to Purchase of Firetruck)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Peter Maclearie made a motion concerning the previously discussed public comment proposed resolution with a second by Charles Bell (Resolution 12-21). When roll call was taken, all commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

Charles Bell made a motion to adjust the LOSAP award for CY 2020 according to LFN CPI with a second by Brendan Tobin (Resolution 13-21). When roll call was taken, all commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

## **CHIEF'S REPORTS**

Chief Daniel Evankow reported on January calls and training for Station 1. He did not have any requests for purchases this month.

Albert Neis said the 167 is repaired and being re-lettered. Cindy Anderson asked for the bill for the repairs and painting.

Chief Ronald Neis reported on January calls and training for Northside. He did not have any requests for purchases this month. He said the 467 needed some maintenance and repairs. He did not have a price but said it would be a few thousand dollars. He requested to purchase more hydrant markers, not to exceed \$500. Charles Bell motioned for \$4,500 for the repairs for 467 and the hydrant markers with a second by Brendan Tobin. All in favor.

## **PERSONNEL**

Mason Lewis made a motion to approve Emmanuel Roman (Northside) with a second by Charles Bell. All in favor.

## **PUBLIC**

Charles Bell made a motion to open the public section with a second by Brendan Tobin. All in favor.

Cindy Anderson said she needs new rosters, active, for renewal and asked about the softball rider, not used last year. She also needs the aux rosters. Charles Bell they were meeting soon to discuss softball. Cindy then said she needed all of the bills related to the lawsuit.

Charles Bell made a motion to close the public section with a second by Brendan Tobin. All in favor.

## **TREASURER**

Peter Maclearie reviewed the bill list for February.

## **BILLS**

Peter Maclearie made a motion to approve the bill list for February with a second by Charles Bell. All in favor. All commissioners abstained from any checks that were for them or their family members.

Mason Lewis and Peter Maclearie discussed closing OceanFirst and an outstanding returned check that has to be redeposited.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 20:47 by Brendan Tobin with a second by Charles Bell. All commissioners were in favor of this motion.

Mason Lewis  
-Secretary