

DELRAN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS MEETING
May 14, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Delran Township Fire District No. 1 was held on Tuesday evening May 14, 2024 at the Fire District Office.

President Joseph Parento, commencing with the flag salute, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The President announced that this meeting is being conducted within the provisions of N.J.S.10-4.6 to N.J.S. 10:4-41 titled Open Public Meetings and that the time and place has been posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Buildings and was advertised in the Courier Post on January 30, 2024.

Other members of the Board and appointed persons present were Commissioners James Bauer, Anthony Quaciari, James Turcich, and Joseph Seybert. Also present were: Chief Joseph Cunningham, Sr., Deputy Chief Kevin Peak, 232 Batt. Chief/FM Joseph Cunningham Jr., 231 Batt. Chief Scott Seybert, 232 President Chris Harvey, Trustee Richard Rossner, and Clerk Elizabeth Briggs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quaciari, which was seconded by Commissioner Seybert, to approve the April 23, 2024 meeting minutes. The Board was polled, all AYES. The motion was approved.

The Standing committees for 2024 were approved as per attached.

COMMUNICATIONS: We received a Thank You note from Central's A shift for the bagels Chief brought for National Public Safety week.

The President signed 2 relief apps that were already approved last meeting but needed to redo the form.

The clerks called a few of the people that previously picked up the landscaping bid to let them know it would be going back out for bid.

County clerk sent an email to remind the board to submit the number of open positions for the upcoming November election. The form was filled out and will be sent back to them this week.

SECRETARY: I am working on updating the driver's training program and a few SOP's.

CHIEF: The ladder should be done in the next week.

The board approved the 5 members that want to go to IFR so I will be registering them this week. Report is attached.

DEPUTY CHIEF: Report is attached.

STATION 231 BATTALION CHIEF: Congratulations Chief Cunningham on your successful Presidency in the Eastern Division of National Fire Chiefs.

STATION 232 BATTALION CHIEF: The rescue is back in service but is still having issues with the scene lights.

The ice machine is broken and needs to be repaired. Report is on file.

OTHER LINE OFFICER'S REPORTS: Not in attendance.

STATION PRESIDENTS: 232 President Harvey-there are some quotes on new mattresses for the bunk room. A few members will go to the store and test out what they like. Once that is done we will get 2 more quotes and hopefully move forward with ordering.

There is a vendor coming in this week to look at the flooring in the station. We are hoping to get that on the budget for next year. Commissioner Bauer suggested including sheets for each member that does crews as well.

TRUSTEES: 231 Trustee Richard Rossner- We are waiting on materials for the hose reel to come in. We need a plumber to hook up the drain for the new washer and a new drain on the slop sink as well. We received pricing for window treatments as well.

The neighbors of the Bridgeboro Sta. sent a letter requesting the roof prop and the overgrown brush to be cleaned up as it's now impeding on there property. The company has voted to get this all removed and taken care of.

We also need some more cleaning supplies. That list will be sent to the office this week or next.

FIRE POLICE: The Memorial Dinner held at the Bridgeboro Station went well.

The next meeting is at 131. We have a list of events that we have committed a truck to.

FIRE OFFICIAL/ FIRE PREVENTION: 2 Chapters of the new code are out. We are still waiting on the other chapters. There are some new changes that will now be instated involving codes and also requirements to be an inspector and fire marshal. The biggest change is that businesses can not have mulch within 18" of combustible siding.

The FM is requesting an executive session.

DEPUTY FIRE OFFICIAL: Not in attendance.

OEM- Nothing to report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The STEM fair is May 20.

OFFICE SPACE & EQUIPMENT: Nothing to report.

FIRE EQUIPMENT: 2321 needs a new K12 saw.

MASTER PLANNING: We will be having a meeting soon.

APPARATUS: Nothing to report.

UNIFORMS: We have 1 request to fill tonight.

SAFETY: Nothing to report.

WEBSITE: There are some pictures of members that need to be added to the website.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: The Chester Ave station air compressor needs to be replaced. Hyperion will be coming to remove some branches from the Bridgeboro Sta. Commissioner Bauer asked if they could also remove the dead tree from the front of the Chester Ave. Station as well.

In the Chester Ave Sta. there's a leak in the engine bay in the overhead heater. That will be looked at soon.

GRANT: Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was a discussion with TD bank about using Pheonix risers to help finance some of the upcoming big purchases we will have.

The attorney sent service agreements to be reviewed to send to the stations. Everyone has received a copy of this.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

The bills for this month so far are \$53, 322.50.

A motion was made by Commissioner Turcich and seconded by Commissioner Seybert to pay all bills present. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

We need to add a bill to the above figure for \$1515 to Joseph Cunningham Jr. who paid for 2327 repairs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Turcich and seconded by Commissioner Seybert to pay the additional bill to Joseph Cunningham, Jr. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS: We are still working on using state contracts for the new computers.

We have to hold off on the trailers for the Kabodas this year.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Liz Briggs will be out of the office for the next month or so for surgery. Anything you need please email or call Maggie.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bauer- 232 has been looking into many different manufacturers for the new truck. There doesn't seem to be any other manufacturer besides Pierce that can actually give them everything they want.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quaciari and seconded by Commissioner Seybert to go in to an executive session, not including Commissioner Bauer to discussion personnel matters of the inspectors with FM Cunningham at 8:24. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

There was no further business to discuss so a motion was made by Commissioner Turcich and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Delran Fire Department Deputy Chiefs Report

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We are currently at 264 Calls for service to date.

Some notable incidents since the last meeting:

April 25th – S2324 responded to Riverside along New Jersey Ave for a structure fire. C2300 arrived first with nothing showing and a past tense kitchen fire with no extension.

April 28th – E2321 responded to cover 801 while they operated on a fire in their local.

May 1st – S2324 responded to Delanco for a reported house fire. Same was deemed to be minor in nature and was held with their units.

May 8th – E2312 responded to Willingboro for a house fire. Once on scene crew staged in manpower incase the need came and were released by command soon thereafter.

May 12th – E2321 responded along with myself and Chief 2300 to Cinnaminson for a house fire. Delran crews assisted with on scene duties and then were released to handle another incident in Riverton of which was an alarm system possibly cased by a power surge in the area. Crews checked the building along with L7015 and turned building over to FM20.

May 13th – E2312 responded to Willingboro Station 161 for a cover assignment while they operated at an all-hands fire in their local. Crews staged for about 45 minutes and then were released by command.

STEM fair at DHS will be on May 20th. Confirmation emails were sent out today with rough layouts of the event as well.

Tuesday the 23rd myself and three other members of Chester Ave station attended a PSE&G Gas Emergencies seminar at Station 161. Throughout the month last month DFD sent multiple members to this seminar over the course of three different dates.

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