

**DELRAN BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
CAUCUS MEETING
October 8th, 2024**

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Delran Township Fire District #1 was held on Tuesday evening, October 8th, 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 Building, and was advertised in the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 30, 2024.

Other members of the Board of Fire Commissioners and appointed persons present were Commissioners Anthony Quaciari, James Bauer, James Turcich and Joseph Seybert. Also present were: Chief Joseph Cunningham Sr., Deputy Chief Kevin Peak, 232 Battalion Chief/Fire Marshall Joseph Cunningham Jr, 232 Lt Burak Dugme, 232 Lt Hugh Pierce, 231 Trustee Richard Rossner, 232 President Chris Harvey and Clerk Maggie Suter.

Commissioner Quaciari made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to approve the September 24th, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes. The Board was polled. ALL AYES. The motion was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: No communications

SECRETARY: J Bauer advised that he has met with two of the candidates running for town council to talk about having one of our trucks from The Chester Ave Station on the pamphlets, a letter will go out to the chairmen of the Democratic Party.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quaciari, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to accept Resolution 2024-15

CHIEF: Will begin pulling the percentages for the incentive program.

Homecoming will start this week in both stations.

The Thermal Cameras and Turnout Gear both came in. We are still waiting on a part for the brush truck.

DEPUTY CHIEF: Report was read and is on file.

The grids have been updated and submitted to central.

STATION 231 BATTALION CHIEF: Not in attendance

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Lowes and Home Depot on the 12th

Homecoming parade on the 19th

OTHER LINE OFFICERS:

B Dugme - Thanked everyone for helping out with National Night Out.

H Pierce - Will be doing inventory on the new gear, phone calls will be made to the people.

STATION PRESIDENTS: Nothing to report

TRUSTEES:

Richard Rossner - Nothing to report

FIRE OFFICIAL/ FIRE PREVENTION: Fire Prevention Week started this week, we are in Millbridge this week and will be at the preschools and Intermediate next week.

OEM: We will be meeting up at Stark Lane with an Investigator.

FIRE POLICE: Next meeting is October 23rd at Florence fire house

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

J Bauer advised that we need to look at the Air Conditioning and Heat for the Chester Ave Station.

J Cunningham Jr stated that he is working on purchasing at least 2 heaters for the colder weather coming up. Right now it costs us about \$2500 a month to rent two heaters

There is someone coming in to look at taking the wall in the gym down at the Chester Ave Station one day this week so we can get a price.

MASTER PLANNING: Nothing to report

FIRE APPARATUS/Equipment: Everything at the Bridgeboro Station is currently running good.

2321's rear discharge had water coming out of it during drill Monday night.

The piston intake on 2321 is also leaking.

2315's front block for the stabilizers is misplaced. 232 Lt Pierce got us some blocks we will make up in the meantime.

UNIFORMS: Received a request from B Dugme

Work on getting Class B's for the current students in Fire 1.

Public Relations: The departments Open House is on the 26th

GRANT: No new updates

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

The total bills: \$54,978.60

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.

TREASURER: Chief Cunningham Sr's computer at the district office has crashed so we put in for a new computer and new software. We will be replacing computers but will not be until later in January.

Office Space: Nothing to report

Webpage: Working on getting photos uploaded

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Commissioner Quaciari, seconded by Commissioner Seybert to approve the 231 & 232 Contracts once section 5 is added. The board was called, All Ayes
J Cunningham Jr advised that the policy and procedure committees from both stations met. We would like to have a meeting with whoever we have to discuss. President J Parento will reach out to Carmen and set up a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

J Cunningham Jr asked the board about a motion that was made at last month's meeting regarding hiring an outsource lawyer and how much we were paying them.

BOARD COMMENTS:

J Turcich advised we are very very tight on the budget, no purchasing for the remainder of the year unless absolutely necessary.

J Bauer and A Quaciari stated they do not agree that the Deputy Fire Marshall has not been to any of the Board meetings. They will have M Suter type up a letter which President Parento will sign.

J Parento was very pleased with everyone that came out to the live burn last night and how great of a job they all did.

There was no further business to discuss so a motion was made by Commissioner Quaciari and seconded by Commissioner Seybert to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. The Board was polled. All AYES. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Suter
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Delran Fire Department Deputy Chiefs Report

October 8, 2024

We are currently at 631 Calls for service to date.

Some notable incidents over the last month:

September 24th – DFD responded to the Starbucks for a report of an odor of smoke. The assignment was upgraded with reports of smoke in the vents. Once on scene the assignment was brought to just Delran units and narrowed down to an un maintained HVAC unit.

September 25th – L2315 was dispatched to Willingboro for a report of a structure fire but was recalled due to the nature of the call.

September 26th – E2321 responded to Seabox Drive in Cinnaminson for reports of a building fire. The incident was reduced down to district 20 units for further investigation.

September 26th – DFD assisted EMS Crews and PD with a cardiac arrest on Creek Road.

October 7th – S2324 and L2315 responded to Riverside for a building fire on Scott Street. First arriving units deemed it to be an issue with the dryer and recalled with the exception of the few first arriving units.

Our grids have been submitted and approved by the County Fire Coordinator. Last night I spent about 3 ½ hours identifying the high hazard grids and areas along with providing names and address for such establishments and the schools and daycares in our area. These have been sent to the GIS team for mapping on central's end and should hopefully be in place by the end of the week or next week; pending any other issues.

There will be a lot of PR events this month with fire prevention going on and will be reported on at the meeting.

Kevin F. Peak
Deputy Chief; Fire Operations
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