

# **BTFD #2 REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**August 9, 2024**

**Meeting Called to Order 7:00 pm at the BTFD#2 Fire House.**

**Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence observed**

## **ROLL CALL By Chair Jim Cann:**

Robert Bennett, Present, George Chidley, Present, Andrew Law Present, George Gareis, Present, James Cann, Present.

## **READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:**

By Secretary (see Agenda)

## **RECOGNITION:**

Capt. Scully for 23 years of service  
Chief MacFarland for 23 years of service  
FF Kinney 16 for years of service

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

The minutes for Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2024 were presented for approval. Chair, Cann requested a motion to approve the aforementioned minutes. A motion was made to accept the July 11, 2024 Minutes. A motion was made by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Gareis. A ballot was taken and all members present approved the motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2024.

## **REPORT BY CHIEF BTFD#2:**

Report prepared by Chief, Robert MacFarland ( BTFD #2) for July 2024 was presented by Capt. Scully who provided highlights. Chair Cann requested if the BTFD#2 Commissioners had any questions. A motion to approve the Chief's Report for July 2024. A motion was made by George Gareis and Seconded by Andrew Law to approve the report. A ballot was taken and all members present approved the motion to accept the July 2024 Report.

### **Highlights:**

- Capt. reported regional grant for BTFD#1 and 2 and Chesterfield FD \$462,909
- FF List was received from NJ Civil Service.
- Capt. reported that the PO for Fire Truck purchase approved pending final action by State.

- Capt. reported that water restrictions for the municipalities serviced by Bordentown City were in place.
- Capt. Reported that the architectural services for construction projects including the roof total \$14,650.
- AC down in the Bunk Rooms, Office and Collation Room. Repairs will be made on an emergency basis and reported back to the BTFD#2 Commissioners upon completion.

#### **REPORT BY TREASURER:**

Treasurer Robert Bennett presented the July 2024 Finance Report. The July Finance Report listed **15 bills** totaling **\$37,118.43**. Chair, Cann requested a motion to accept the Treasurers July 2024 Report. A motion was made to accept the report by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Gareis. A ballot was taken and all members present approved the motion to accept the July 2024 Report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Capt. Scully requested approval of the Fire Truck PO to be issued August 14, 2024 pending final approval by the State Local Finance Board. A motion was made by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Gareis. There was no further discussion and the motion was affirmed by all Commissioners present.

Capt. Scully presented a proposal from the BTFD#2 Accountant to prepare State and Local Budget forms for review by the BTFD#2 Fire Commissioners and submission to the State upon final authorization by the BTFD#2 Fire Commissioners. The fee was established a **\$1,800.00** with a price **not to exceed \$2,000**. A motion was made by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Gareis. There was no further discussion and the motion was affirmed by all Commissioners present.

Capt. Scully presented a proposal from KKK Refrigeration, LLC to perform emergency repairs to the Air Conditioning discussed in the Chief's Report. The estimated cost for the Air Conditioning repairsfee was **estimated to be \$6,675.00**. A motion was made by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Gareis to make the emergency repairs at a **cost not to exceed \$6,675.00**. There was no further discussion and the motion was affirmed by all Commissioners present.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Capt. requested approval for the following expenses:

- Fire and Safety Repairs 3225 **\$5,970.61**
- Fire Safety 3225 Preventative Maint. **\$6,300.00**
- Wireless Radio Batteries **\$639.00**
- Firefighter 1 hose (1 ¾") **\$543.40**
- All Hands Fire Equipt. Draeger CO Meter **\$299.08**
- Quill Office Supplies **\$359.95**
- Bioshine Cleaning Supplies **\$338.59**
- Ardex Lab Vehicle Cleaning Supplies **\$133.69**

**TOTAL \$14,584.32**

Motion made by George Chidley to approve the expenditures and Seconded by George Gareis All members present approved the motion.

### **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

**At 7:32 pm** Chair Cann requested a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel and contract matters pursuant to Resolution 2024-0029. A motion was made to go into closed session by George Gareis and Seconded by George Chidley. A ballot was taken and all members present approved the motion. The Chair announced that after the Closed session the meeting would be reopened for public comment before adjourning.

### **MOTION TO REOPEN TO THE MEETING:**

**At 7:49 pm return from Closed Session.** Chair Cann requested a motion to approve the Burlington County Professional Firefighters Association IAFF Local 3091 Contract 2024-2026 for approval and signature by the IAFF Union and final execution by the Chair, BTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners. A motion to approved the FF Contract was made by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Chidley. Chair asked if there was further discussion on the pending motion. There was no further discussion and a roll call ballot was taken:

- Robert Bennett, Yes
- George Chidley, Yes
- George Gareis, Yes
- Andrew Law, Yes
- James Cann, Yes

The motion was approved by all present. Chair Cann thanked the IAFF Firefighters for their time and patience with the protracted contract discussions. Thanks were also offered to BTFD#2 Fire Commissioners Andrew Law and George Chidley.

Commissioner Andrew Law announced that there would be a public event on September 11, 2024 with the US Rural Development Loan Program to promote the funding received by BTFD#2 for purchase of a new Fire Truck. Commissioner Law encouraged the Commissioners and BTFD#2 Officers and Firefighters to attend.

### **MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**At 8:10 pm,** Chair Cann requested a motion to open the meeting to the public, A motion was made by George Chidley to open the meeting for public comment and was seconded by George Gareis. All members present affirmed the motion to open the meeting for public comment.

Mr. David Gabauer approached the BTFD#2 Fire Commissioners with a proposal for an event to be held at the Fire house to raise funds to support the Firefighters. Commissioner George Gareis volunteered to meet with Mr. Gabauer to help shape a proposal for the BTFD#2 Fire Commissioners consideration.

There were no additional members of the public present seeking to be heard. Chair Cann requested a motion to close the meeting for public comment. A motion was made by George Chidley to close the meeting for Public Comment and seconded by Andrew Law. All members present affirmed the motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

At **8:15 pm**. Chair, Cann requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Gareis. All present balloted to affirm the motion and the meeting was **closed at 8:16 pm**.

**MINUTES APPROVED on September 5, 2024**

**Robert Bennett, \_\_\_X**

**George Chidley \_\_\_X**

**George Gareis \_\_\_X**

**Andrew Law \_\_\_X**

**James Cann \_\_\_X**

**CERTIFIED BY:**

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**George Chidley, Secretary**  
**BTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners**

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**James Cann, Chair**  
**BTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners**