

**BTFD #2 REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
July 11, 2023**

Meeting Called to Order 7:05 pm at the BTFD#2 Fire House.

Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence observed

ROLL CALL By Chair Jim Cann:

George Chidley, Present, Andrew Law Present, Fred Freda, Present (attended by phone), George Gareis, Present, Jim Cann, Present.

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:

By Secretary (see Agenda)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Chairman Jim Cann requested that if the Board Members present were satisfied with the accuracy of the minutes, that a motion to approve the Minutes for June 6, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted.

Motion to approve by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Chidley. A ballot was taken and all members present affirmed the motion to approve the minutes for June 6, 2023.

CLOSED SESSION:

No Closed Session

REPORT BY CHIEF BTFD#2:

Report by Chief, Robert MacFarland (BTFD #2)

The following bullets were presented

- July 31st is the deadline for filing to run for the 2 vacant positions for BTFD#2 Commissioner.
- Investigating installation costs and grants to install fire sprinkler system on the 2nd floor of the Firehouse. Will report progress at next meeting. Anticipate need for a professional Grant Writer to be discussed under New Business.
- Bordentown Township/City EMS services up and running. The EMS will not provide Oxygen Tank refilling to BTFD#2 and Local Police Departments. Chief will investigate options and report back. Unclear if the Oxygen Recharge System was retained by prior EMS provider Hope Hose Humane. Estimate to purchase a new system is in excess of \$15,000.
- BTFD#2 will host Bordentown Township PD Youth Academy activities on Tuesday July 18th.
- M.A.C Construction has started gable repairs authorized at the prior meeting by the BTFD#2 Commissioners.

REPORT BY TREASURER:

Fred Freda, Commissioner presented expenditures report with 18 Bills totaling \$ 24,073.65. Bill for Bordentown City Water \$1,281.00 was presented. A motion was made by George Chidley to pay all of the bills and seconded by Andrew Law to accept the report. A ballot was taken.

All members present affirmed the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills.

MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS:

Chair Jim Cann requested that a motion to authorize the Chair to execute a one (1) year/twelve month extension of the existing Fire Fighters Contract to allow the Commissioners of Fire District #2 to resolve a dispute over tax revenues with the Bordentown Township.

Motion was moved by Andrew Law and Seconded George Chidley. A ballot was taken and all members present affirmed the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chair Jim Cann reported no progress in setting up a meeting with Bordentown Township Officials to review Tax Revenue shortfall. BTFD#2 Commissioners strongly felt no Attorneys should be present at the first meeting.

Chair Jim Cann reported that the Fire Contract Extension was fully executed on July 11, 2023. BTFD#2 Commissioners expressed need to expedite related wage increases and retro-payments. Chief, Robert MacFarland acknowledged the need to move the matter forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief, Robert MacFarland (BTFD #2) requested the following items be approved for payment:

- Grant Writer Services for Fire Sprinkler System 2nd Floor Fire Station \$1,200.

Motion to approve by Andrew Law and Seconded by Fred Freda. A ballot was taken and all members present affirmed the motion to approve cost for Grant Writer in the amount of \$1,200.

- Engine Repair, Two (2) LED Sidelights at a cost of \$1,597.

Motion to approve by Fred Freda and Seconded by Andrew Law. A ballot was taken and all members present affirmed the motion to approve cost to repair Two (2) LED Sidelights for \$1,597.00.

- Purchase of Four (4) Drone Batteries at a cost of \$73.93 each.

Motion to approve by Fred Freda and Seconded by Andrew Law. A ballot was taken and all members present affirmed the motion to approve cost to purchase Four (4) Drone Batteries at a cost of \$295.72.

OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Jim Cann requested a motion to open the meeting to the public. A motion was made by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Chidley to open the meeting to public for comment. A ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion to open the meeting for Public comment. There were no members of the Public present. Chairman Jim Cann requested a motion to close the meeting for Public comment. A motion was moved by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Chidley. A Ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Chair, Jim Cann requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by George Chidley and Seconded by George Gaeris. All present balloted to affirm the motion and the meeting was closed at 7:23 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED on August 1, 2023

George Chidley, ____
Fred Freda ____
George Gareis ____
Andrew Law ____
Jim Cann ____

CERTIFIED BY:

George Chidley, Secretary
BTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners

Jim Cann, Chair
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