

**BTFD #2 REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
June 6, 2023**

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:

George Chidley, Present, Andrew Law Present, Fred Freda, Present, 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 May 2, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted.

Motion to approve by George Garis Seconded by Andrew Law. A ballot was taken and all members present affirmed the motion to approve the minutes for May 2, 2023.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:09 pm Chair Jim Cann requested a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-013 to go into Closed Session meeting not open to the public for the purpose of discussing employee contract negotiations. A motion was made by Fred Freda and Seconded by George Gareis. All members present affirmed the motion to go into Closed Session.

MOTION TO REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

At 7:30 pm the meeting was reopened to the public.

REPORT BY CHIEF BTFD#2:

Report by Chief, Robert MacFarland (BTFD #2)

The following bullets were presented

- Fireman Siebert has completed 5 years of service
- July 1st is the Bordentown Township Fireworks and District 2 will be in support requiring authorization of Over Time pay. Motion to authorize scheduling and ayment of Over Time for the July 1st Fireworks was made by Fred Freda and Seconded by Andrew Law. A ballot was taken and all present affirmed the motion.

- July 31st is the deadline for filing to run for the 2 vacant positions for BTFD#2 Commissioner.

REPORT BY TREASURER:

Fred Freda, Commissioner presented expenditures report with 24 Bills totaling \$ 52,317.01. A motion was made by Andrew Law and seconded by George Chidley to accept the report. A ballot was taken.

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

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 discussed the need to set up a meeting with Bordentown Township Officials to review Tax Revenue shortfall. Commissioners authorized Chair, and Chief, Robert MacFarland to set up a meeting to include the Fire District Solicitor. A motion was made by Andrew Law and Seconded by Fred Freda. All present approved the motion. Andrew Law and George Chidley volunteered to attend as long as the number of Commissioners participation does not constitute a quorum of Fire Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

- Station Fire Alarm (31 heat detectors) \$2,034.96,
- MAK Construction for Station Repairs 1st Installment \$2,950 and 2nd Installment \$2,950
- Authorization for repair, Vehicle 3225 Air Conditioning Repair amount to be determined and reported for approval.
- Vehicle 3223 Dome Lights and hose bed netting \$457.19
- Globe structural firefighting boots (5 pairs) \$2,995.00
- Portable Radio Batteries (5 batteries) \$507.00

Chair Jim Cann requested that a motion for approval repair Vehicle 3225 and purchase the aforementioned equipment and services. A Motion was moved by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Gareis. A ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion.

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. No members of the Public stepped forward to be heard and the 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 Fred Freda and Seconded by Andrew Law. All present balloted to affirm the motion and the meeting was **closed at 8:05 pm.**

MINUTES APPROVED on July 11, 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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