

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

March 7, 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)

RECOGNITIONS:

NONE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

NONE

REPORT BY CHIEF BTFD#2:

Report by Chief, Robert MacFarland (BTFD #2) for February 2024 dated March 4, 2024 was presented. Chief noted that Commissioner bennett completed the ½ hour training required for the Treasurer position.

The County of Burlington certified the results of the ballots for the two Questions: Question #1 Fire Engine Acquisition PASSED. Question #2 Salaries and Improvements also PASSED by a slim margin.

LT Asbrand is working on an American Rescue Plan Grant to obtain \$74,000 for PPE pursuant to RESOLUTION 2023-0019. This will be a joint grant with Chesterfield FD and Mission 1 FD.

There was a 500lb food drop to the Burlington County Animal Shelter. A letter of thanks was received.

HAAS Report for February included 1309 motorists alerted to our activity on 49 incidents with an average on-scene time of 26 minutes.

Residential Structures on Dunns Mill Road have been offered by the owner for fire training. There was a brief discussion related to the lack of local fire coverage in Mansfield Township. The Fire Commissioners present expressed concern that Mansfield was no-longer meeting it's obligations and BTFD#2 cannot continue to respond. The Chief was asked to contact the Municipality and report back at the next Regular Meeting.

Photos of Derby Fire Station donated by Tim Lang were reviewed by the Commissioners.

Chair, Cann requested a motion to accept the Chief's February 2024 Report. A motion was made to accept the report by George Chidley and Seconded by George Gareis. A ballot was taken and all members present approve the motion to accept the Chief's February 2023 Report.

REPORT BY TREASURER:

Treasurer, Robert Bennett presented his Finance Report for March with **27 bills** totaling **\$44,786.93**.

Chair, Cann requested a motion to accept the Treasurers March 2024 Report. A motion was made to accept the report by George Chidley and Seconded by George Gareis. A ballot was taken and all members present approve the motion to accept the March 2024 Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief MacFarland reviewed the Inter-agency Agreement for Oxygen Re-Charge Unit Agreement with the BTFD#2 Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Andrew Law and seconded by George Chidley. A ballot was taken and all members present approved the agreement and delegated signature authority for the Chief to execute it on behalf of BTFD#2.

BTFD#2 Commissioners received the 2022 Audit. After a review of the Audit Findings a motion was made by Commissioner Andrew Law to accept the 2022 Audit Report in its totality and Seconded by George Gareis. A roll call vote was held and approved by the members present.

BTFD#2 Commissioners reviewed RESOLUTION 2024-0017. The resolution was prepared by Commissioner Andrew Law and the Solicitor. After review by the BTFD#2 Commissioners a motion was made by Commissioner Andrew Law to accept RESOLUTION 2024-0017 Authorizing Purchase of a Fire Truck and Seconded by George Gareis. A roll call vote was held and approved by the members present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief requested approval for the following expenses:

TOTAL \$1,701.09

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:

BTFD#2 Commissioners determined there was no need for a closed session.

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

At 7:23 pm Chair Jim 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 Andrew Law. All members present affirmed the motion to open the meeting for public comment. Committee Grayson requested a copy of the HAAS Report and was provided a copy by Chief MacFarland. No additional members of the Public came forward. Chair Jim 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:

Chair, Jim Cann requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Law George and Seconded by George Gareis. All present balloted to affirm the motion and the meeting was **closed at 7:26 pm**.

MINUTES APPROVED on April 4, 2024

Robert Bennett, ___X
George Chidley ___X
George Gareis ___X
Andrew Law ___X
James Cann ___X

CERTIFIED BY:



George Chidley, Secretary
BTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners



~~James Cann, Chair~~ Andrew M.R. Law Vice Chairman
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