

**BTFD #2 SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
May 2, 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, Absent, Andrew Law Absent, Fred Freda, Present, George Gareis, Attended by telephone present at 7:10 pm, Jim Cann, Present.

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:

By Chair Jim Cann (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 April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted.

Motion to approve by Fred Freda Seconded by Andrew Law. A ballot was taken and all members present affirmed the motion to approve the minutes for April 4, 2023.

REPORT BY CHIEF BTFD#2:

Report by Chief, Robert MacFarland (BTFD #2)

The following bullets were presented

- Insurance MEL/JIF Safety special meeting 5/8/23
- Personnel Lt. Askensrtdt has 18 years in service
- House fire 4/15/23 on Old Amboy Road
- Department responded to Chairman Jim Cann's Mother-in-laws house. Chairman Cann was very appreciative of the way the crew addressed the issue.
- Forth of July festivities and Bordentown Township fire works. Scheduled for July 1st rain date the 2nd.
- Township Fall Festival scheduled for October 14th
- The EMT "Core 13" training, all employees have attended.
- Live fire training County Fire Academy 5/21/23
- Joint Active shooter training with Mt Laurel 5/9,10 and 11 Scottish Rite
- The Second-Grade class at Peter Muschal School sent hand letters about the jobs community leaders do.
- On 4/21/23 the annual safety inspection of the firehouse was conducted by Don Ruprecht M.S. NO violations noted. Copy of the report dated April 21, 2023 is attached.

REPORT BY TREASURER:

Fred Freda, Commissioner presented expenditures report totaling \$9,277.20. A motion was

made by George Garis 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

Chair Jim Cann requested that a motion that the Commissioners of Fire District #2 Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Gluck Walrath, LLP and appointing Caitlin Harney of the firm as our Board Attorney.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on tax abatement, warehouse revenues being withheld from the District and Architect Agreement.

- The Fire Commissions attorney wished to meet with the Township Administrator. He has so far refused to meet her.
- She requested several documents on the amount of tax receipts from the Grainger facility. They will send the information to her. There is a dead-line for that material.

Discussion Solicitor: Ms. Harney is going on maternity leave and her temporary appointment is John Glynn. Second issue the address of the firm is now located at: 4 Paragon Way, Suite 400, Freehold, NJ 07728. The address correction is necessary for Resolution 2025-005
No further discussion, a ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Business Equipment, gloves and Hose total amount \$3,107.00 Chair Jim Cann requested that a motion for approval of the purchase of the equipment be approved. Motion was moved by Fred Freda and Seconded by George Garis. 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 Fred Freda and Seconded by George Garis 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. Hearing no public comment, Chairman Jim Cann requested a motion to close the meeting for Public comment with the caveat that no further motions will be taken after the open from close. That motion was moved by Fred Freda and Seconded by George Garis. A Ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:50 pm Chair Jim Cann requested a motion to adopt RESOLUTION 2023-012 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 Andrew Law. All members present affirmed the motion to go into Closed Session.

MOTION TO REOPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

At 8:09 pm the meeting was reopened to the public. Chairman Jim Cann requested a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Freda and Seconded by Andrew Law. A ballot was taken and all members present affirmed the motion to adjourn.

MINUTES Based on notes provided by Andrew Law acting as Secretary APPROVED on June 6, 2023

George Chidley, ABSTAIN

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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