

**BTFD #2 REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
September 5, 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.

NOTE: Commissioner Fred Freda left the meeting on an Emergency Call at 7:25 pm

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. A correction "123 incidents" was offered by Fred Freda. The Chairman requested that a motion to approve the corrected Minutes for August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting be adopted.

Motion to approve corrected minutes by Fred Freda and Seconded by Andrew Law. A ballot was taken and all members present affirmed the motion to approve the corrected minutes for August 1, 2023.

REPORT BY CHIEF BTFD#2:

Report by Captain, Keith Scully in Chief, Robert MacFarlands absence (BTFD #2)

The following bullets were presented as highlights to a written report prepared by Chief MacFarland dated August 31, 2023:

- Dental rates increased in 2023
- Still working with the Township to locate and acquired an Oxygen Recharge System. Will update at next meeting.
- 2022 Grant \$22,973 Rope Rescue
- Investigating Gear Grant
- Feasibility Study for 2nd floor sprinkler project shelved due to costs exceeding those budgeted. Will revisit next year at budget time.
- Awaiting bids for the roof replacement. Commissioners are also looking for repair estimates on the rear wall. To be followed up at the next meeting.
- 119 calls for the month. It was noted that the new EMS no longer requires BTFD#2 to remain on site at alerts.
- HAAS 4200 Notices received

Motion made by Fred Freda to accept Chief MacFarland's report made by Fred Freda and Seconded by Andrew Law. A ballot was taken and the motion was approved by all members present.

REPORT BY TREASURER:

Fred Freda, Commissioner presented expenditures report with 19 Bills totaling \$ 109,690.85. Increase this month related to JIFF Payment and PNC Bank Finance. A motion was made by Andrew Law to pay all of the bills and seconded by George Gareis to accept the report. A ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chair Jim Cann reported no progress in setting up a meeting with Bordentown Township Officials to review Tax Revenue shortfall. Ilene Carlos with Burlington County advised that the CNC3 form can be changed by Township submission of an omitted tax based on Township Collections vs disbursements to the BTFD#2. Grainger and Matrix Pilot Projects with the Township appear to be at the center of the collection vs distribution problem. Chief was directed to compile the tax collection numbers from the Bordentown web site and create a table showing the amounts actually collected and identified for BTFD#2 vs what was in fact received by BTFD#2. BTFD#2 Commissioners expressed need to expedite the meeting with the Township before the State deadlines for setting local budgets.

NOTE: Commissioner Fred Freda left the meeting at this juncture.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to hire Grant Writer for improvements and upgrades at the BTFD#2 Station. Presented for approval with the bills listed below.

Captain, Keith Scully,(BTFD #2) requested the following items in the Chief's Report under 'Needed Purchases' be approved for payment:

- 3225 repairs from 2022 preventative Maintenance \$3,543.82
- 3225 repairs 2023 preventative maintenance \$6,300.00
- 3223 Akron intake valve \$1,937.00
- Fire Prevention supplies and materials \$1,599.00
- Pierce Aerospace ID Beacon (Drone 32) \$269.85
- EMS Supplies \$459.45
- NAPA Speedy Dry 236.80
- HazMat spill containment supplies and materials \$228.74

TOTAL \$14,574.66

A motion was made by George Chidley to pay all of the bills listed above and seconded by Andrew Law. A ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion to accept the Chief's requested items and pay the bills.

MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Resolution 0016 authorizing a meeting not open to the public read by Secretary.

Motion made by Commissioner Andrew Law at 7:34 pm to go into closed session to hold a meeting not open to the public to discuss matters related to Collective Bargaining Agreements. Minutes to be released after conclusion of Personnel Matter.

Motion Seconded by George Chidley. All members present affirmed the motion to go into closed session.

At 7:45 pm the BTFD#2 Commissioners reconvene the OPEN PUBLIC MEETING and invite attendees into the meeting room.

OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Jim Cann requested a motion to open the meeting to the public. A motion was made by George Chidley and Seconded by Andrew Law 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 George Chidley and Seconded by George Gareis. 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 Andrew Law and Seconded by George Gareis. All present balloted to affirm the motion and the meeting was closed at 7:50 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED on October 3, 2023

George Chidley, _____
Fred Freda ABSTAIN
George Gareis _____
Andrew Law _____
Jim Cann _____

CERTIFIED BY:

George Chidley, Secretary
BTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners

Jim Cann, Chair
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