



Cherry Hill Board of Fire Commissioners

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MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING **March 20, 2023**

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open, Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting was posted on the Fire District and Township of Cherry Hill bulletin board designed for that purpose. Notice was published in the official newspapers on January 6, 2023.

The meeting will also be accessible to the public on-line through Zoom by following the information on our website. Members of the public attending through Zoom will be able to give public comment utilizing the public comments section of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Public meeting call to order at 19:00 hours.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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| DORAN | PRESENT |
| KELLY | PRESENT |
| LIPSETT | PRESENT – VIA Zoom |
| MCCARGO | PRESENT |
| MULHOLLAND | PRESENT |

Also present: Fire Chief Callan, AFC Houlihan, AFC DeLucca, EMSBC Milsted, CFO Foley and PSA Fiorentini.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Doran seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to accept the Regular Meeting minutes from the February 21, 2023 Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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| DORAN | YEA |
| KELLY | YEA |
| LIPSETT | YEA |
| MCCARGO | YEA |
| MULHOLLAND | YEA |

CORRESPONDENCE

On file.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Callan presented the Fire Chief's Report. The complete report is on file.

Attended monthly Labor Management meeting.
Attended monthly Cherry Hill Township meeting.
Attended weekly Office of the Fire Chief meetings.
Attended BOFC Prep meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CFO Foley read the Treasurer's Report into the record; the opening balance in the cash accounts as of February 1 was \$14,061,914.17. February receipts totaled \$2,309,373.62, February disbursements totaled \$1,873,920.65 leaving a closing balance of \$14,497,367.14 as of February 28, 2023, which resulted in a net use of cash totaling \$435,452.97.

Motion by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to accept Treasurer's Report and the bill list totaling \$672,624.15 as read. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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| DORAN | YEA |
| KELLY | YEA |
| LIPSETT | YEA |
| MCCARGO | YEA |
| MULHOLLAND | YEA |

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

The following resolutions were presented on Consent Agenda;

READING OF RESOLUTIONS

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| RESOLUTION #23-03-20-01 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD FOR THE OPTION YEAR #2/2023 CONTRACT FOR GRASS CUTTING, TRIMMING, EDGING AND GROUNDS KEEPING |
| RESOLUTION #23-03-20-02 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWELVE CAREER FIREFIGHTERS TO FILL EXISITING VACANCIES |
| RESOLUTION #23-03-20-03 | RESOLUTION STATING THAT THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR FIRE DISTRICT #13 HAS REVIEWED THE REPORT OF AUDIT FOR 2021 |
| RESOLUTION #23-03-20-04 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CIVILIAN PERSONNEL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS |
| RESOLUTION #23-03-20-05 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ORDERING OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SERVER UPGRADE EQUIPMENT FROM NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE VENDOR SOFTWARE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL HEREIN REFERRED TO AS SHI, UTILIZING CONTRACT #CK04, SUBCONTRACT #:2-24 |
| RESOLUTION #23-03-20-06 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ORDERING OF FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR FROM HFRP NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT VENDOR MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, UTILIZING HFRP NJ STATE CONTRACT 17 – FLEET - 00810 |

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Motion by Commissioner Mulholland and seconded by Commissioner Doran to accept Resolutions #23-03-20-01through #23-03-20-06 on Consent Agenda as read. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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| DORAN | YEA |
| KELLY | YEA |
| LIPSETT | YEA |
| MCCARGO | YEA |
| MULHOLLAND | YEA |

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSE OF MEETING

THIS SECTION OF THE PUBLIC MEETING IS RESERVED FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO ACCEPT "COMMENTS" FROM THE PUBLIC. IF A COMMISSIONER WISHES TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE COMMENTS, IT WILL BE DONE AFTER THE COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING IS CLOSED. PUBLIC COMMENTS SHALL BE DIRECTED THROUGH THE CHAIRPERSON.

FF Phil Cook, Vice-President of IAFF Local 2663, read the following statement into the minutes on behalf of IAFF Locals 3198 and 2663:

Commissioners,

The members of Cherry Hill Firefighters IAFF Local 2663 and Cherry Hill Fire Officers IAFF Local 3198 once again thank the Board of Fire Commissioners and Office of the Fire Chief for continuing the practice of increasing the minimum firefighters on half of our on-duty apparatus from three to four. This initial action to rectify this safety issue, along with the hiring of 11 new recruits, has undoubtedly increased the safety of the residents we serve and the firefighters who keep them safe.

This action to bring Squad 13, Ladder 1324, and Rescue Ladder 13 up to a minimum of four firefighters at all times came after months of discussions with the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Office of the Fire Chief. We're proud of the relationship we've built with both bodies, and we're committed to strengthening that bond. We appreciate that the board just last month signaled that it is continuing this staffing practice. This move to increase the safety of our town and its firefighters sends a clear message to the CHFD's new recruits that this department values the safety of its residents and firefighters above all else.

We encourage the department to keep the momentum rolling on this issue by staffing all of our on-duty apparatus with four full-time firefighters. While the department is facing a

massive turnover of firefighters this year, the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Office of the Fire Chief can solidify their support of the frontline firefighters by ensuring that all six on-duty companies have four firefighters on them at all times so we can continue delivering excellence in public safety to our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

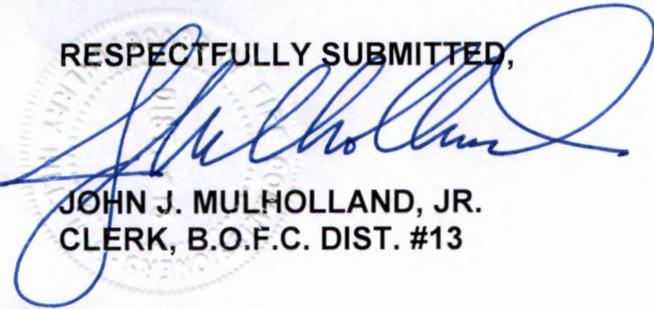
Keith Kemery, President of IAFF Local 3249, thanked the Board of Fire Commissioners for the hiring of the five additional full time EMT's to the ranks, which will assist with the increased demand within the EMS service. Mr. Kemery spoke about the Labor and Management collaboration and hopes it can continue in the future.

There were no additional public comments.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to adjourn meeting at 19:11 hours. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



JOHN J. MULHOLLAND, JR.
CLERK, B.O.F.C. DIST. #13