



Cherry Hill Board of Fire Commissioners

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MINUTES WORKSHOP MEETING **JULY 11, 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 May 19, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER

Public meeting call to order at 19:00 hours .

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

DORAN	PRESENT
KELLY	PRESENT
LIPSETT	PRESENT – VIA Phone
MCCARGO	PRESENT
MULHOLLAND	PRESENT

Also present; Fire Chief Houlihan, AC DeLuca, AC McGeady, BC Riess, EMSBC Milsted, EMS Lt. Schaub and PSA Fiorentini.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fire Chief Houlihan introduced the officers attending the meeting to the Board.

BC Riess gave the Board an update on the recent activities within the Field Command Office during the past month including the recent retirements and the enhancements to Target Solutions/Vector programs.

EMSBC Milsted and EMS Lt. Schaub briefed the Board on EMS call activity over the past month, training exercises and the recent initiative to increase staffing in the EMS ranks.

Fire Chief Houlihan briefed the Board on the fire and EMS hiring initiatives that are taking place as well as an update on the firefighter applicant background investigations.

Fire Chief Houlihan updated the Board on the NJDOL investigation; a meeting was held to discuss the penalties imposed and the possibility of having the fine reduced and extending the deadline for any remediation.

Fire Chief Houlihan reported that to date we have spent \$340,065.00 on the four-man staffing initiative.

PSA Fiorentini reported that the funds from the Cell Tower negotiations have been received.

Commissioner Kelly questioned the fall firefighter hiring numbers and what the expectations were for the 2024 budget. Fire Chief Houlihan explained that at the end of the next recruit class we should be up to 64 firefighters. As we start to plan the 2024 budget, we will examine the possibility of increasing staffing going forward. Fire Chief Houlihan reiterated the need now is to increase staffing in the EMS ranks.

Commissioner Kelly questioned the plan to replace the Purchasing Manager position. Fire Chief Houlihan stated that we are reviewing the needs of that position to determine how to proceed going forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSE OF MEETING

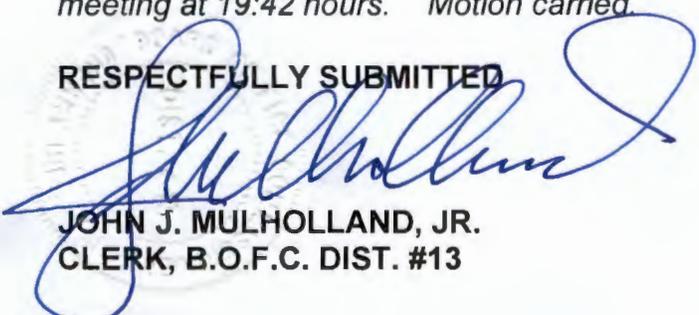
THIS SECTION OF THE PUBLIC MEETING IS RESERVED FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO ACCEPT "COMMENTS" FROM THE PUBLIC. IF A COMMISSIONER WISHES TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE COMMENTS, IT WILL BE DONE AFTER THE COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING IS CLOSED. PUBLIC COMMENTS SHALL BE DIRECTED THROUGH THE CHAIRPERSON.

James Lyons, President of IAFF Local 2663, thanked the Board for the appointment and support of Fire Chief Houlihan and expressed his support for the Board's decision to conduct the Workshop meetings, which gives the Board the opportunity to discuss matters in a less formal setting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner Lipsett to adjourn meeting at 19:42 hours. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


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