

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 5

Lambs Terrace Fire Company

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Regular Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017

- I.** The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Engelbert at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Moran, Commissioner DeRosa, Commissioner Lloyd, Commissioner Rinaldi, Chairman Engelbert, Solicitor Carlamere
Absent: None

II. Resolution 2017-11 Approve Fire Commissioner Assignments

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Moran; seconded by Commissioner Rinaldi.

Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried.

Resolution 2017-12 Authorization of Disposal of Surplus Property

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Rinaldi; seconded by Commissioner Lloyd.

Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried.

- III. Treasurer's Report** – Commissioner DeRosa submitted bills for the month of May in the amount of \$94,892.50, which includes \$11,400.00 for our auditors, Bowman and Company and \$60,732.11 to PNC Bank for our first payment on our new truck. Motion to approve by Commissioner DeRosa; seconded by Commissioner Moran.

Roll Call: 5-0 Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes for the month of April was made by Commissioner Moran; seconded by Commissioner Rinaldi.

Roll Call: 5-0 Motion Carried.

- IV. Clerk's Report-** Clerk Marge Martinis reported that our accountant, Kathy had been here. Our checking accounts have been reconciled. The payroll quarterlies have been filed. Our exit conference with our auditor was held on April 24. There were a few discussion items, but no recommendations needed to be addressed.

- V. Career Report-** (attached)

- VI. Chief's Report-** Chief Goins reported that the new truck is here. They are working on getting it in service. He also requested a gas card number for Dan Carosiello. The chief announced that truck training will take place on June 22, 23 and 24. All volunteers will report on Saturday, June 24 for training; career members will

train during their scheduled work days. Chief Goins expressed a need for equipment for the new truck. Some equipment will be taken from truck 54, which will be sold. All are in agreement that there is no rush to sell truck 54 and they intend to get a good price for it. Chief Goins said that Mayor Mayer requested that all fire districts of Gloucester Township attend the fundraiser known as Alex's Lemonade Stand, which will be held next Wednesday, May 10 at Camden County College. It was agreed that Lamb's Terrace Fire Department will attend this event. In conclusion, the chief reminded the Board members that the title for the new truck needs to be signed.

VII. President's Report- none

VII. Commissioners' Report- Commissioner DeRosa stated that he is glad that the truck is in.

Chairman Engelbert stated that the riding mower is broken and that Ron will be working on it.

Commissioners Moran, Rinaldi and Lloyd- nothing to report

VIII. Public Portion- none

At this time, Captain Anthony Tomasco raised his hand, which was acknowledged by Commissioner Engelbert. Tomasco requested that the board go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moran to go into Executive Session; seconded by Commissioner Rinaldi.

The meeting resumed with a roll call. All were in attendance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moran to confirm the action of the Fire Dept.; seconded by Commissioner Lloyd.

Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moran to uphold the suspension as a fill-in; seconded by Commissioner Lloyd.

Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Moran; seconded by Commissioner DeRosa. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Tulino
Recording Secretary

Closed Session- May 2, 2017

In closed session, Captain Tomasco approached the table at the invitation of Chairman Engelbert. He then stated that he requests that his suspension be overturned. He made several statements to defend his request. He claimed that the chief had "no right" to suspend. He mentioned incidents which occurred in the past where there was damage done to equipment. He claimed that those incidents were never reported. He also claimed that the bi-laws were not followed.

Captain Tomasco was dismissed after he stated his reasons for his request.

The Board then discussed their decision, which was made last month. At that time, it had been decided that the Board would back the decision of the chief and members of the company. It was never their intention to interfere. Captain Tomasco's request now put the Board in the position where they were forced to become involved. They discussed the prior incidents mentioned by Tomasco. While damage had been done to property in the past, it had been done by accident, while in Tomasco's case it was intentional and malicious. The Board decided to back the chief and the fire company, as they had previously decided. The meeting would once again be open to all so that the Board could move to confirm the action of the chief, to uphold the suspension and to vote on those motions.