CITY OF BEVERLY

Fire District No. 1

Board of Fire Commissioners September 16, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Kevin Mickle under the Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law c.295, Public Laws of 1979 with a salute to the Flag of the USA on September 16, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the Beverly City Hall, Broad Street, Beverly, NJ.

ROLL CALL and the following members were present: ROGERS, BENT, N. RICHARDS, S. RICHARDS, MICKLE

ALSO PRESENT: COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BEVERLY MORGAN, COMMISSION ATTORNEY MARK TARANTINO,

MINUTES: Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bent, to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of July 15, 2013.
The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have not received the check from Edgewater Park Fire Commission yet.
Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to accept the Treasurer's Report.
AYES: Rogers, S. Richards, Bent, N. Richards, Mickle

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Fire Official Johnson did not present a report.

CHIEF' REPORT: Deputy Chief Johnson presented a verbal report. Among the issues discussed were vendor issues, the Dietz and Watson Fire in Delanco, and equipment repairs. He is still waiting for pricing for Interstate Mobile health.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Richards would like to amend the SOG for Driver Qualifications as per the handout. The changes were initiated by the officers of Beverly Fire Company No. 1. Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Ms. Rogers, to make the changes.
The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Insurance claims for the damage to our vehicles during fire fighting has been submitted and the adjuster has already been out to inspect the damage.

Hope's financial information still has not been submitted and they are working on the issue. There were record keeping issues with the current treasurer.

We received a Memo of Understanding from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management regarding preregistering for grants. After some discussion and explanation from Fire Commission Attorney Tarantino, Mr. Bent moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, that we enter 3 separate applications; one for each company and one for the department.

Mr. Richards will set it up.

We also received a letter from the state Department of Health regarding funds for heptitus shots.

It was decided to send a letter to each company reminding them of the officer requirements and to set the date of October 31st for resume submission for Chief and Deputy Chief and to have the interviews before our meeting in November.
Mr. Bent moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, to schedule accordingly and to invite the Edgewater Park representatives to the interviews.
The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Morgan will send a letter to both Fire Companies and copy the Edgewater Park Fire Commission.

PUBLIC SESSION: Mr. Wylie Johnson reminded the Commission that we need to include a capital expenditure fund in the upcoming budget.
Fire official Randy Johnson discussed the removal of tons of rotten food from the Delanco fire site.

Chairman Mickle declared the public session closed.

Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Mr. Bent for the payment of bills.
Ayes: Bent, S. Richards, Rogers, N. Richards, Mickle

Beverly Fire Co #1	3rd qtr - 2012 contract amt	$30,302.67
Hope Hose Fire Co	3rd qtr - 2012 contract amt	$30,302.67
Randy Johnson	3rd qtr 2013	$850.00
Kevin Mickle	3rd qtr comm expenses	$125.00
Paul Bent	3rd qtr comm expenses	$125.00
Sean Richards	3rd qtr comm expenses	$125.00
Nancy Richards	3rd qtr comm expenses	$125.00
Charlene Rogers	3rd qtr comm expenses	$200.00
Bev Morgan	Sept Admin Support	$200.00
NJAW	hydrants - August	$3,008.40
G&M Auto Service	chief vehicle - ins claim pending	$1,093.93
Enforsys	annual maint - fire safety	$500.00
Twp of Delanco	gasoline august - chief	$302.82
Twp of Delanco	gasoline august - fire police	$74.16
Atlantic Tactical	fire police hat straps (3)	$28.50
Verizon Wireless	fire official cell phone	$48.68

RESOLUTION 2013-9-1: Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, to go to Executive Session for matters of personnel.
AYES: Rogers, Bent, N. Richards, S. Richards, Mickle

Upon return from Executive Session, Fire Commission Attorney Tarantino spoke at length regarding the Desjardin/Wright matter. The Commission, having reviewed the statements and speaking to both parties and company officers, felt that anything negative on Chief Desjardins part was very out of character, but had to look at the evidence and consider all of the ramifications.

The commission had hoped to have the 2 parties speak together, but Mr. Wright declined to do so.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Ms. Rogers, to suspend Chief Desjardins for 2 months, starting from the original letter, and to reinstate him after that time, pending a letter of apology.
AYES: N. Richards, S. Richards, Bent, Mickle, Rogers

Mr. Bent moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Mickle declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman _____ Secretary_____
Kevin Mickle Charlene Rogers