

CITY OF BEVERLY

Fire District No. 1

Board of Fire Commissioners

November 18, 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 November 18, 2013 at 7:30 PM in the Beverly City Hall, Broad Street, Beverly, NJ.

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

ABSENT: N. RICHARDS (illness/injury), BENT (work)

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

MINUTES: Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Ms. Rogers, to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of October 21, 2013 and the Executive Minutes for that date. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Home Inspection Program started by the Fire Department has resulted in about \$150.00 in donations and some very nice written thank you notes and cards so far. We also need to ask our Accountant, Mr. Inverso, about paying the emergency equipment bill as discussed last meeting.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Ms. Rogers, to accept the Treasurer's Report.

AYES: Rogers, S. Richards, Mickle

BUDGET: The commission members spent several minutes looking over the proposed 2014 budget and listening to Mr. Inverso's explanation of the items. Ms. Rogers asked about adding a Capital Expense Fund that would not count against the 2% Tax Cap. The amount of \$5000.00 was discussed for this purpose.

Instead of dividing the money left in Aid to Volunteer Companies between the companies at the end of the year, Mr. Inverso suggests holding it in reserve for them to prevent a future shortfall since our reserves are so low.

The Capital Fund was also explained to the public as a way to create a cushion for the department and was not meant in any way to take away the companies' ability to buy their own trucks.

Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to add a \$5000.00 Capital Fund to the proposed 2014 Budget being introduced tonight.

AYES: Rogers, S. Richards, Mickle

RESOLUTION 2013-11-1: Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to approve Resolution 2013-11-1 to introduce the 2014 Budget with the addition of the Capital Fund.
AYES: Rogers, S. Richards, Mickle

RESOLUTION 2013-11-2: Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to approve Resolution 2013-11-2 authorizing the Execution of Agreement with the Volunteer Fire Companies for Fire Fighting Services.
AYES: Rogers, S. Richards, Mickle

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT: Fire Official Johnson could not attend the meeting but sent a written report.

CHIEF' REPORT: Chief Desjardins presented a written and verbal report.

OLD BUSINESS: There has been legislation passed to consolidate Fire Districts but only within one municipality.
Mr. Tarantino heard from Paul that legislation is being considered to expand this to between municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS: Rich Wolbert is asking for signatures for the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Beverly. This document , as explained by Chief Desjardins, is required for any FEMA grants, such as after a hurricane. Chairman Mickle will sign for the Fire Commission.

Beverly Fire Company No. 1 is in the process of replacing their utility vehicle and it should be here sometime in December. They have notified us at each step as required by contract for an expenditure of over \$50,000.00. All agreed the new truck will be a good addition as a rescue truck.

PUBLIC SESSION: The SOG book from 121 is missing but will be found or replaced. This problem was discussed.

The Explorer program is doing well so far. Parental support has helped the process.

Chairman Mickle declared the public session closed.

Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Mr. Richards for the payment of bills, minus some of the turnout gear bills that are being disputed by the Fire Department.
Ayes: S. Richards, Rogers, Mickle

Mark Tarantino	7/15-10/21 - prof serv	\$725.00
MaryBridget Enterprises	fire preventio month supplies-fire safety	\$1,096.76
Liberty Mutual Ins	work comp policy - aid to volunteers	\$1,255.00
Hometek LLC	Spk-mic - fire police	\$98.00
DePro's Riverside Collision	chief car roof refinish - chief's acct	\$400.00
Wireless Comm & Electronics	pager - chief's acct	\$404.80

G&M Auto Service	dep chief vehicle	\$225.07
Twp of Delanco	gas, Oct - chief	\$247.68
Continental Fire & Safety	damaged equip - insurance claim	\$774.25
Verizon Wireless	fire official cell phone	\$43.72
Bev Morgan	Nov Admin Asst, postage for new checks	\$212.66
	Total	\$5,482.94

RESOLUTION 2013-11-3: Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Ms. Rogers, to go to Executive Session for personnel issues with action possibly taken at the return to regular session.

AYES: Rogers, S. Richards, Mickle

Upon return from Executive Session, Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Ms. Rogers, to approve the application of William H. Tomer St. for the Fire Department's Applicant Committee for their consideration and to table the application of Mr. Campos until the complete application is presented.

Ayes: S. Richards, Rogers, Mickle

Ms. Rogers moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Mickle declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman _____
Kevin Mickle

Secretary _____
Charlene Rogers