

Beverly Fire Commission
Meeting Agenda
October 20, 2014

Call to Order: Meeting called to order under the provisions
of the Open Public Meetings Act
Flag Salute

Roll Call

Minutes: September 15, 2014

Treasurer's Report September, 2014

2015 Budget Discussion

Fire Official's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Old Business

New Business

Open to Public

Close of Public Session

Payment of Bills

Executive Session

Adjournment

CITY OF BEVERLY

Fire District No. 1

Board of Fire Commissioners

October 20, 2014

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 October 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Beverly City Hall, 446 Broad Street, Beverly, NJ.

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

Mrs. Richards arrived later in the meeting.

ALSO PRESENT: COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT BEVERLY MORGAN

Commission Accountant Mr. Inverso arrived later in the meeting.

MINUTES: Mr. Bent moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of September 15, 2014.

Ayes: Rogers, Bent, Mickle, S. Richards

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

Ayes: Rogers, S. Richards, Bent, Mickle

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

CHIEF'S REPORT: Fire Chief Mike Johnson read his written report.

OLD BUSINESS: Our application for a grant was rejected by FEMA. Our equipment is too new. FEMA also sent a list of new criteria for future applications.

NEW BUSINESS: We received checks totaling \$550.00 as a donation of thanks for the Fire Departments work fighting the Farnum Street fire.

PUBLIC SESSION: Ms. Meredith of Hope Hose Fire Co No 2 asked if the companies could expect to receive the money left in the Aid to Volunteer Companies acct at the end of the year. Her opinion is that we are required by contract to give the residual to them.

Mr. Mickle said that later in the meeting we were discussing the budget with Mr. Inverso and would better answer her after that discussion.

Mr. Varsacci of Beverly Fire Co. No. 1 asked if there were any grants available for new radios. Mr. Richards said that he was working on that possibility. Mr. Varsacci said more portables are always needed.

Mr. Hawkins of Beverly Fire Co. No. 1 asked what was going to happen to the \$550.00 donation received this month. In the past it would have been divided between the 2 companies but he has heard that it was going to be spent by the department for shirts of hats. He would like the money split as usual.

Mr. Bent, seconded by Mrs. Richards, moved to split the money between the companies as in the past.

Ayes: Bent, Rogers, N. Richards, Mickle

Nays: S. Richards

Mr. Walton of Beverly Fire Co. No. 1 said that he was the person suspended by the Chief from using his blue lights and when the suspension was handed down he called the Chief and asked for a meeting with the Chief and his line officers and was told there were "more pressing matters than this nonsense". He is still waiting. Mr. Bent said we did not need the details but if a meeting was requested it should be handled by the chief. Mr. Mickle directed them to meet after the meeting.

Mr. Hawkins then asked for a more detailed explanation of the response changes. Mr. Johnson explained the reasons. Mr. Mickle said much of this is not for the board. Mr. Hawkins complained of problems with things the Chief has been heard to say. He says the Chief was not locked out, he had access to the building without permission. Keys and locks were changed to tighten security for all. Mr. Johnson is welcome to come to the building, he just does not have his own keys. Mr. Johnson chose to stop coming to the building.

Ms. Meredith again brought up the budget but was assured the discussion would be public and not in Executive Session.

Chairmen Mickle declared the public session closed.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Mrs. Richards for the payment of bills.

Ayes: Bent, N. Richards, Rogers, S. Richards, Mickle

NJAW	hydrants Sept	\$3,008.40
Burl Co Fire Chief's Assoc	Training class (6) - chief's acct	\$450.00
Burl Co Fire Chief's Assoc	Training class (5) - fire police acct	\$375.00
G&M Auto Serv	06 Ford maintenance - chief's acct	\$331.86
Chief's Debit Card - Reimb	Training class exp - chief's acct	\$277.55
Twp of Delanco	fire police gasoline - Sept	\$71.04
Twp of Delanco	chief's acct gasoline - Sept	\$133.20
Bev Morgan	Oct Admin Asst	\$200.00
Fire police debit card	Community Day expenses	\$156.87
Brent Tomer	Training class exp - chief's acct	\$122.14

Hope Hose Auxiliary	Training class exp - chief's acct	\$96.27
Verizon Wireless	fire official cell phone	\$47.23
MaryBridget enterprises Inc	fire prevention supplies - fire official	\$508.98
		\$5,778.54

Mr. Inverso then went over the proposed budget for next year, explaining the items that have changed and using the state cap to raise taxes by a very small amount. We are also including a new item for future Capital Expenses. The capital fund will not have to go on the ballot. Mr. Inverso suggests we introduce this budget next month per New Jersey State requirements.

Ms. Meredith once again brought up the money left in the fund. She believes we are obligated to give the money. Mr. Bent respectfully disagreed with her and said we are not obligated. Ms. Meredith then spoke at length regarding this money. Mr. Inverso explained again that this money is needed to keep the fund solvent, there is no cushion for emergencies otherwise.

Mr. Richards moved, seconded by Ms. Rogers, to pass Resolution 2014-10-1 to go to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Ayes: S. Richards, Bent, N. Richards, Rogers, Mickle

Upon return from Executive Session Mrs. Richards moved, seconded by Ms. Rogers, to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Mickle declared the meeting adjourned.

Chairman _____
Kevin Mickle

Secretary _____
Charlene Rogers