

Plumsted Township Board of Fire Commissioners #1

New Egypt, NJ 08533

Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the Plumsted Township Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday February 3, 2020. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Brady stated that the notice of his meeting was contained in the annual meeting schedule furnished to The Trenton Times, and The Trentonian. Posted on the Municipal bulletin board and filed with the municipal clerk.

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:06 pm

Board Members Present:

R. Brady

C. Chaney

K. Friedrich

K. Hagen

D. Robbins

Also Present: Richard Braslow, Esq

Suzanne Heller

Plumsted Police Chief Earl Meroney

The Board reviewed January's regular and workshop meeting minutes. No changes noted. Motion made by C. Chaney to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by K. Friedrich. Abstain K. Hagen.

Treasurer's Report:

-S. Heller will be exploring other payroll companies. We continue to have problems with Paychex.

Correspondence: No Report.

Old Business:

New Business:

- D. Robbins request to discuss Upper Freehold status in closed session.
- K. Friedrich asked status of engine room airline quote. Chief Byrne reported no progress.
- K. Hagen discussed switching and merging with Manchester Police for dispatching. He believes it would not be beneficial at this time due to unforeseen costs. Chief Meroney added that the police department will not be switching. He added it is a large process and new software is needed. If separating from Ocean County, our call histories won't transfer. We would also need new infrastructure such as new radio towers.

Chief's Report:

Chief R. Byrne reported the following:

- Reflective traffic vests; Working on pricing.
- Grants; opened on Monday, getting numbers together. No success with Ron Dancer's office.
- Ride along policy; waiting to receive more information from Braslow
- Tablets; working on pricing
- Old equipment; forming list of old computers, cell phones and tablets to donate
- AED's; working on pricing for 493915, 3902, 3904 and 3900 vehicles)

EMS Report:

Captain J. Byrne reported the following:

- January 2020-116 EMS calls with 19 refusals
- ALS provider; MONOC is done 4/1; will be attending transition meeting with Ocean County, RWJ & Hackensack on Thursday, 2/6.
- Speedway; due to start 3/21, what is the Board's stance on providing EMS. Will discuss in closed session.
- 307/306 status of repairs and bids. Will be discussed in closed session.

LEA Report:

See attached report submitted by FM Paolo

-Food trucks/Winery will run from April-November 2020

Mechanic's Report:

-FF/EMT Panacek reports his monthly report was submitted via email.

Career Staff/Union Report: No Report

Volunteer's Report:

-Request permission to move yellow clothing bins from NEMP to firehouse property. Braslow discussed liability issues. The Board will discuss further. J/ Ervin will also discuss at company meeting.

Public Comments:

-Resident Barbara Mislick discussed with Board the changing of ambulance colors from white to red and the removal of camel from the side. Ms. Mislick gave out historical handouts and gave brief history of New Egypt. Captain Byrne explained the reason for change was to streamline with Board/Fire Trucks moving forward since all EMS is handles by the Board.

Motion made by D. Robbins to close the regular meeting at 1955 hours and move to executive session. Seconded by K. Hagen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi A. Byrne

Secretary Pro Tem