

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2010**

Attending the meeting were Chairman Michael Bogis, Vice Chairman Wayne Malicki, Secretary Armand Brodeur, Commissioner Tim Ryan, Commissioner Susan Ruggeri-Thornton, Alternate Commissioner Robert Allen, Fire Chief Charles R. Doback, Jr., Deputy Chief Ken Hanks, Mindy Fragoso, Burgess Liaison and Mayor Bob Mezzo

Chairman Bogis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Chairman Bogis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2010 Commission Meeting.

FOR:

M. Bogis
W. Malicki
A Brodeur
T. Ryan
S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Vice Chairman Malicki asked for a motion to add to the agenda (8A) to discuss how we are going to replace the three personnel openings; and, request that the Plan Review be moved up to 3A, to save the gentlemen some time.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by A. Brodeur to move Plan Review to 3A, and add Discussion of the Three Openings to 8A.

FOR:

M. Bogis
W. Malicki
A Brodeur
T. Ryan
S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by A. Brodeur to accept the NFD Administrative Reports for June and July.

FOR:

M. Bogis
W. Malicki
A Brodeur
T. Ryan
S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Plan Review

Atty. Michael McVerry presented a revised plan for the plans for Fulling Mill Development on Route 68. A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by A. Brodeur and seconded by W. Malicki to accept the plans.

FOR:

M. Bogis
W. Malicki
A Brodeur
T. Ryan
S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried.

Correspondence

Chief Doback read a letter from the president of Northeast Communications, on Great Hill Road, thanking Deputy Chief Hanks, and the crew that responded to a recent incident at their facility.

Chief Doback read a letter from Driver Mechanic Lou Grella requesting to be granted a service connected disability pension, as a result of the injuries he suffered on the job, to be effective July 14, 2010.

Chairman Bogis read a letter from Jacqueline Stewart, Pink Petal Sweets Cookie Shop, and Marty's Corner on Quinn Street thanking the department, and Chief/Marshal Doback for his outstanding leadership and professionalism during and following the fire, and recommending that the Fire Commission renew his contract

Chairman Bogis read a letter from Chief Doback to Mayor Mezzo respectfully requesting a normal retirement pension, according to the Fireman's Pension Plan C, to be effective September 9, 2010, or may be extended by the Borough to assist in a smooth transition.

Local 1219

President Ricci asked about the posting for the Fire Mechanic's position. Chairman Bogis replied that the commission is still waiting for the testing company, and the Human Resources Department to develop a test.

NEMAC

Deputy Chief Hanks reported that they had a meeting last month with the Board of Ed and signed a contract for Code Ed utilizing data from the Power School program for notifying parents of closures, and emergencies.

Budget Transfers and Review

Chief Doback reported there are no transfers; we ended the year very well; included in the Administrative Reports is the year end balances, as well as the new budget.

Discussion of Three Openings

Mechanic's Position – waiting for HR Department and Testing Company to come forth with testing for the Commission to review.

Deputy Fire Chief's and Fire Chief's/Fire Marshal Position – A discussion was held.

VOTED: On a motion by W. Malicki and seconded by T. Ryan to appoint Deputy Fire Chief Hanks Interim Fire Chief - when Chief Doback steps down on September 9, 2010 - until June 2011, when the Deputy Chief's contract is due. And to use the Fire Chief's assistance if needed. Start a search for a Deputy Chief and Fire Marshal.

FOR:

M. Bogis
W. Malicki
A Brodeur
T. Ryan
S. Ruggeri-Thornton

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Committee Reports

Fire Police - W. Malicki reported that the committee DC Hanks, S. Ruggeri-Thornton, R. Allen, and John Deer of the Fire Police met six weeks ago. They are still in discussion and planning to continue the Fire Police, and boost up interest and numbers, perhaps combining with CERT. A meeting is planned within the month.

Labor/Management – W. Malicki reported the committee is ongoing.

Executive Session

The Commission went into Executive Session at with Chief Doback and Deputy Chief Hanks at 8:15pm.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 8:35pm.

Comments from Commissioners:

W. Malicki thanked Chief Doback for his years of service from volunteer to Fire Chief, Deputy Chief Hanks and the entire board.

R. Allen commented that it was a personal loss to lose Chief Doback, and also Mechanic Lou Grella.

T. Ryan commented that since he has been on the board working with Chief Doback and Deputy Chief Hanks the Fire Department has never run so smoothly. They've done a tremendous job.

A. Brodeur commented that he agreed with T. Ryan, and thanked Chief Doback and Deputy Chief Hanks for doing a really great job.

Mayor Mezzo thanked Chief Doback and Deputy Chief Hanks for a fantastic job.

Comments from the Public:

Local 1219 President Ricci asked about Paul Russell's request to step down as Second Assistant Chief and the open Mechanic's position. A discussion was held.

Mayor's Assistant Carter thanked Local 1299 and the department for their help with Car Show on July 31st.

Burgess Liaison Mindy Fragoso commented that under the tutelage of Chief Doback and Deputy Chief Hanks she has she has watched the department grow professionally, with honor, always with a balanced budget, keeping up with technology changes, and she always feels safe living here. And wished Chief Doback, and Deputy Hanks well.

VOTED: On a motion by R. Allen and seconded by W. Malicki the meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

FOR:

M. Bogis
W. Malicki
A Brodeur
S. Ruggeri-Thornton
R. Allen

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

By a majority vote the motion carried

Respectfully Submitted:

Louise Ross