

LOWER TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSION

**SECOND DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 724
NORTH CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY 08204**

Minutes of the Minutes of the June 18, 2018 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of Fire District 2, Lower Township, Cape May County, New Jersey was called to order at 20:00 hours by President Brown at the Town Bank Fire House, 224 Town Bank Road, North Cape May, New Jersey.

President Brown read the statement of compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" and pointed out the fire exits to the public in attendance.

After flag salute, roll was called; Commissioners present were Andrews, Barger, Brown, Conley and Prendergast; and Charlotte, "Missie" Axelsson Financial Data Specialist was sick and not in attendance. Also present were three firefighters, and no other members of the public.

MINUTES

The Commissioners reviewed the Minutes of the May 21, 2018 regular meeting, distributed earlier. A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Andrews and seconded by Barger, voting yes, Andrewes, Barger, Brown, Conley and Prendergast; abstaining no one; voting no, no one.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Prendergast reviewed the Treasurer's report; a copy of the report is attached to the original minutes and made a part hereof.

- Interest received for the month was \$2,000.73 from the Crest Savings Bank account. A check was received from Witmer Public Safety Group for \$14.00.

A motion to approve the report was offered by Conley and seconded by Prendergast; voting yes, Andrews, Barger, Brown, Conley and Prendergast; voting no, no one; abstaining, no one.

- The Commissioners reviewed all bills submitted to the Treasurer in proper form. Resolution 18-01.05 authorizing payment of those bills, in the amount of \$22,473.58 was offered by Conley and seconded by Prendergast; voting yes, Andrews, Barger, Brown, Conley and Prendergast; voting no, no one; abstaining, no one.

CORRESPONDENCE

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The Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. Letter in from the Bureau of Fire Safety dated 6/7/18 regarding site plan comments for Harpoon's on the Bay.

TOWN BANK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- Report of the month's activities was not available. Chief Lew Megonigal was attending his son's graduation.

BUREAU OF FIRE SAFETY REPORT

- The minutes of the March meeting were distributed and the April meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. A copy of the new contract for special services, i.e. loading fireworks on barges in the Township was provided to all of the Commissioners.

• **OLD BUSINESS**

- *Past President & Past Chief Treon who is now with Cape May County Office of Emergency Management, requested and was granted a place on the July meeting agenda to appear with Director Martin Pagliughi to discuss a possible memorandum of understanding (MOU) to utilize the multi-purpose room during emergencies and natural disasters. (06/14)*

Conley distributed a sample copy of the memorandum of understanding that was generated for Upper Township to each of the Commissioners, Chief Megonigal and President Marchina for review and to generate some comments. (09/14)

- *Nolan reported on receipt of correspondence from the State indicating that all Public Agencies are required to have and designate a Public Agency Compliance Officer and on the appropriate form must notify the NJ Department of the Treasury. Nolan reported to the Treasury that we do not have such a position and are willing to comply if we could receive more information relative to the position on January 23, 1917. (02/17)*
- *The 2018 LOSAP Points list for Calendar Year 2017 has been received. A copy will be placed on the Town Bank Volunteer Fire Company bulletin board for 30 days. Conley reminded those in attendance that if anyone wants to appeal a name on the list or omitted*

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from the list they must provide written notice to him as Secretary of the Board of Commissioners. Once received, Conley will schedule a hearing on the matter. If no request for appeal is received within 30-days, the list shall be adopted as "the Official List" at the next regular meeting of the Fire District. (04/18)

The 2018 for Calendar Year 2017 LOSAP list has been on display for more than 30 days. Conley reported he has not received any letters requesting a hearing on or disputing the names on the list. A motion was offered by Conley and seconded by Andrews that the 2018 for CY 2017 LOSAP list be approved, voting yes, Andrews, Barger, Brown, Conley, and Prendergast; voting no, no one; abstaining, no one. (06/18)

Conley reported that he has followed up with Richard Braslow regarding the article in 5 Trumpets Journal, the NJ Fire Chief's Association newsletter, indicating that on December 22, 2017 President Trump signed the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" (P.L. 115-97) which allows volunteer firefighters to increase their contributions to Length of Service Award Programs, (LOSAP) to \$6,000.00 per year. This provision will serve as an incentive for recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Braslow reported that nothing has changed at the State level regarding LOSAP. He will follow up on additional research, perhaps the federal law makes it permissible if the state amends their law or it may simply mean a firefighter can add an additional \$6,000 to his/her account per year. (06/18)

- **Brown reported that he talked with Western Pest Control regarding checking all that is necessary before the bats show up again. He has not heard back from them yet. (05/18)**

NEW BUSINESS

- Nothing

PUBLIC PORTION

- Nothing

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 20:18 hours by a motion by Andrews and a second by Prendergast.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis H. Conley, Jr.
Secretary/Commissioner