

EVESHAM TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
Special Meeting  
November 20, 2023  
MINUTES

Commissioner Christian Smith called the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Evesham Township Fire District No. 1 to order at 6:00 PM. Commissioner Smith opened the meeting with a flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance. The following statement of compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was given by Business Manager Maureen Mitchell: “This meeting is being held in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Burlington County Times and Central Record on November 15, 2023, filed with the Township Clerk of the Township of Evesham, posted on the bulletin board in the Fire Administration Office that is customarily used for the posting of such notices and mailed to all persons requesting that they receive such.”

ROLL CALL - The following individuals were present at the roll call, Commissioners: Behnke, Guerrini and Smith. Also present were: Chief Carl Bittenbender and Business Manager Maureen Mitchell. ABSENT: Baugh, Rowe

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY- None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2023 - 76      Resolution to Amend 2024 Budget prior to Adoption

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2023 – 76. Commissioner Behnke seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the foregoing motion produced the following result: AYES: Behnke, Guerrini, and Smith; NAYS: None; ABSTAINED: None; ABSENT: Baugh, Rowe

Resolution No. 2023 - 77      Readoption 2024 Adopted Budget Resolution

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2023 – 77. Commissioner Behnke seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the foregoing motion produced the following result: AYES: Behnke, Guerrini, and Smith; NAYS: None; ABSTAINED: None; ABSENT: Baugh, Rowe

Resolution No. 2023 - 78      Executive Session – IAFF Negotiations, Chief Contract and Business Manager Contract & Review

President Guerrini stated that the Board anticipates the discussion to last approximately 90 minutes and formal action may be taken when reconvening the public meeting. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2023 – 78. Commissioner Behnke seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the foregoing motion produced the following result: AYES: Behnke, Guerrini, and Smith; NAYS: None; ABSTAINED: None; ABSENT: Baugh, Rowe

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Guerrini adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 6:04 PM.

Commissioner Baugh joined Executive Session at 6:07 PM

Commissioner Rowe joined Executive Session at 6:10 PM

RETURN TO PUBLIC

President Guerrini reconvened the public portion of the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Commissioner Rowe made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with IAFF in a form to be approved by the Business Manager and Solicitor. To the extent the MOA is not ratified by the Union by the next District meeting, all proposals are withdrawn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Behnke made a motion to approve Ms. Mitchells' request that her contract be opened for the years 2024 and 2025 and that she receive a 2.5% increase each year. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Guerrini made a Motion to approve Chief Bittenbender's request to modify his contract as discussed in to include only his request for additional holidays. A one-year agreement was approved with a salary in 2024 at \$170,208.13. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

8:40 PM: meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mitchell  
Business Manager