

EVESHAM TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
BOARD OF FIRE COMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
January 28, 2021
MINUTES

Commissioner John Behnke called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Evesham Township Fire District No. 1 to order at 7:30 PM on Zoom. President Behnke welcomed all in attendance online. President Behnke thanked everyone for joining us tonight VIA Zoom. He 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 December 15, 2020, 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 notice with additional information for remote access posted 1/11/21.”

ROLL CALL - The following individuals were present at the roll call, Commissioners: Baugh, Behnke, Guerrini, Powers and Smith. Also present were: Chief Carl Bittenbender, Deputy Chief Freedman, Deputy Chief Donnelly, Solicitor Saginario, and Business Manager Maureen Mitchell.

BILL LIST
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ELAN (P-CARD)	1,131.94
Bill List Dated: 1/28/21	96,753.68
TOTAL PAYMENTS THIS PERIOD	<u><u>97,885.62</u></u>

Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the payment of bills as contained on the Bill List Report. Commissioner Guerrini seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote with President Behnke abstaining Printing Plus.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

President Behnke opened the Public Comment section for the agenda items only.

There were no comments from any members of the public so President Behnke closed the public portion on agenda items only.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2021 – 12 Awarding HGAC Contract to Purchase Fire Apparatus

Commissioner Guerrini made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2021 – 12. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the foregoing motion

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produced the following result: AYES: Baugh, Behnke, Guerrini, Powers and Smith;
NAYS: None; ABSTAINED: None; ABSENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agenda Packet options: President Behnke solicited feedback from the Board on the current electronic agenda packet in light of the online Board meeting.

Commissioner Powers indicated that he would prefer a printed packet 24 hours prior to the Board meeting. Commissioner Smith indicated he was fine either electronic only or printed. The majority of the members agreed to a printed packet 24 hours prior until we return to in person meetings.

2. Chief provided a quick recap of the District hiring process. The written test is scheduled for February 6th along with the agility test and the Command Staff is wrapping up the FT EMT interviews. Ladder 2235 has been decommissioned in anticipation of the upcoming sale. Chief Bittenbender thanked the Board for approving the new apparatus this evening. Chief also provided a brief update on department wide meeting held earlier this week where the Medical Director was on the call available to answer any members questions on the COVID vaccine.

MEMBERSHIP – Termination: Stephen Scheuren – Station 221

Commissioner Guerrini made a motion to approve the termination. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the foregoing motion produced the following result: AYES: Baugh, Behnke, Guerrini, Powers, and Smith; NAYS: None; ABSTAINED: None; ABSENT: None.

GOOD & WELFARE – President Behnke read an email from Mayor Veasy regarding the new Ordinance which was introduced on first reading this week setting aside a portion of the Township PILOT payments for public safety purposes for the Fire District and the Schools. President Behnke thanked Mayor Veasy for putting that effort forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Behnke opened the Public comment portion of the meeting by asking the public to please raise their hand on Zoom and unmute their microphone, state your name and address for the record and address the Board. Comments are limited to five minutes per speaker.

1. Bruce Albright, 582 Hopewell Road indicated that he was disappointed the EMS services are not provided out of Kettle Run Station and he hoped that this would get addressed soon.

Seeing no public comments President Behnke closed the public comment section.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2021 – 13 Executive Session –Personnel

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President Behnke indicated that the board anticipates going into executive session for @ 30 minutes. The board will not take action when we reconvene in public session.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2021 - 13.
Commissioner Baugh seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion produced the following result: AYES, Baugh, Behnke, Guerrini, and Smith; NAYS, none;
ABSTAINED: none; ABSENT, none.

Board President Behnke adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 7:56 PM.

RETURN TO PUBLIC - Board President Behnke reconvened the public portion of the meeting at 8:53 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Powers motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Guerrini seconded it. All were in favor.
President Behnke adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mitchell
Business Manager