EVESHAM TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting March 24, 2022 MINUTES

Board Vice President Benjamin Guerrini called the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Evesham Township Fire District No. 1 to order at 3:02 PM. Vice President Guerrini welcomed all in attendance. 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 and N.J.S.A. 40A:14 – 84 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 published in the Burlington County Times, transmitted to the Central Record, posted in five public places in the Township, 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 all on the 22nd day of March 2022."

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Benjamin Guerrini opened the Public Comment section.

There were no comments from any members of the public, so Vice President Guerrini closed the public portion.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2022 – 17 Authorizing Executive Session – Contract/Agreement Discussion

Vice President Guerrini indicated that the Board anticipates going into executive session for approximately 45 minutes. The board may take action when we reconvene in public session.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2022 - 17. Commissioner Baugh seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion produced the following result: AYES, Baugh, Guerrini, Rowe and Smith; NAYS, none; ABSTAINED; none; ABSENT, Behnke.

Vice President Guerrini adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 3:15 PM.

RETURN TO PUBLIC - Vice President Guerrini reconvened the public portion of the meeting at 4:10 PM.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of a Memorandum of Agreement with IAFF Local 4687 and FMBA Local 115

Commissioner Smith made a motion to extend the Memorandum of Agreement with IAFF Local 4687 and FMBA Local 115 until July 9, 2022 so effective July 10, 2022, 06:00, the existing contract will be in full force and effect. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion produced the following result: AYES, Baugh, Guerrini, Rowe and Smith; NAYS, none; ABSTAINED: none; ABSENT, Behnke.

Solicitor Saginario indicated that the Board expects a good faith and reasonable effort to reach an agreement. The Board is extremely serious about reaching an agreement and as such, Mr. Saginario proposed meetings to be conducted beginning on April 4, 5, or 6th. He indicated that the District's negotiating team will meet with each bargaining unit separately.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Rowe motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Smith seconded it. All were in favor. Vice President Guerrini adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mitchell Business Manager