

THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  
BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

December 17, 2020 Minutes

Special Meeting

Albert Neis called the regular meeting of the Commissioners to order at 18:06, at which time the pledge to the flag was given.

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Albert Neis read the following statement; “Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Meetings Act by the adoption of a schedule of meetings and notice thereof being posted in the municipal building, being filed with the municipal clerk and being transmitted to the Hub and the Coaster all within 48 hours prior to this meeting. And posted on the website and held in accordance with executive order in relation to virtual meetings due to the pandemic.”

When the roll call was taken it showed Commissioners Brendan Tobin, Charles Bell, Peter Maclearie, Albert Neis and Mason Lewis at the meeting.

Richard Braslow, Esq. mentioned that the February elections will be delayed by governor executive order to April and advised we can act on moving to a November election in January should we decide to move the election. Mr. Braslow also said he rather wait until the executive order is issued to act on the temporary budget requiring us to act on 30% from 14% for budget tempary budget which we can act on in January after the executive order is issued.

Introduction of a 2021 budget and we will have to have a special meting in January for the budget. Commissioner Maclearie presented on the 2021 budget. The budget would have the funding for the new truck to replace Station 1’s rescue (186) and refurbish Northside’s engine(477). Afterwards he asked if anyone had any questions and no one presented any questions. There was a discussion settling on a budget hearing for January 21, 2021 at six pm at Northside Engine Company. Commissioner Maclearie made a motion to introduce the 2021 budget (Resolution 20-20) with a second by Commissioner Bell. After roll call was taken all commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Tobin gave an update on the ongoing lawsuit against the District and said it was dismissed with predujice last week. Commissioner Neis

asked Mr. Braslow on the future liability on the issues and Mr. Braslow said the issues would not be able to be tried again in the future. Commissioner Tobin mentioned that we should expect a bill for our share of the mediator, the bill will be shared between the District and Mr. Lay and can be submitted to the insurance carrier. Commissioner Neis expressed his appreciation for the work Commissioner Tobin has done concerning the lawsuit and the investigation with the state.

Peter Maclearie mentioned the leases were not signed and we have tried to get any issues resolved and be proactive. Since we need these leases signed he felt we should not be as generous with the terms if we do not get responses. Commissioners Neis and Lewis agreed with Commissioner Maclearie. Commissioner Tobin said Station 1 was reviewing the leases but wanted to vote on it at their next meeting. There was an active discussion over the leases involving the fire companies and the Board with comments from Richard Braslow. Richard Braslow and Peter Maclearie confirmed that the leases are supposed to be included with the budget and the budget is supposed to be submitted Tuesday.

Mason Lewis asked if there was any movement on updating the stipends. Commissioner Tobin mentioned that he previously shared a revised proposal made by Daniel Evankow. There was a discussion over if the chiefs should get ride bonuses and if the fit for duty incentive was beneficial. There was no agreement on any issues and the topic was set aside for this meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 18:55 by Commissioners Tobin and Bell, who second the motion. All commissioners were in favor of this motion.

Mason Lewis  
-Secretary