

**REVISED MINUTES**  
**TOMS RIVER FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**1144 Hooper Ave, Conference Room "A"**  
**May 1, 2024**

Commissioner Golden called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following statement was made. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act by notice being posted in the Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River; being filed with the municipal clerk and being transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and Star Ledger and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with statute.

**ROLL CALL**

Tutela – absent                      Roman –present  
Krohn – present                      Minkler-present  
Golden – present

Administrator Kubiel and Attorney Appleby were present. Bisceglie present to take minutes.

**APPROVING THE MINUTES**

**Motion Minkler second Krohn to approve the April 17, 2024 minutes providing a copy is made available for inspection by the public during this meeting. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMUNICATION**-Krohn stated Supervisor Weinberger and Dispatcher Applegate are at the Spillman conference to improve the system.

**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU** – No report

**FIRE ACADEMY** – Minkler stated an email was sent out to liaisons re: several students at the academy experiencing heat exhaustion.

**INSURANCE** –Progress

**POLICE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**- Roman stated he spoke with Coordinator Roncskevitz today and OEM 5 still out of service. Waiting for Township to approve repairs.

**LEGISLATION** – No report

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND MAYOR** – Roman stated the meeting with the Mayor is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**VEHICLE REPAIR/NEW APPARATUS** – Roman stated he received a call from Asst. Chief Rice that 2631 is out of service.

**FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**- Meeting May 30<sup>th</sup> Station 30.

**ADMINISTRATOR KUBIEL REPORT** – Kubiel stated:

1. Truck report is in the folders for review
2. Reminder that no second meeting of the month for June, July and August.

**ATTORNEY REPORT** – No report

**REPORTS OF FIRE OFFICERS**

**DISTRICT CHIEF J. CIRZ** – Cirz stated he has submitted a report for all to review.

**CO. 1 CHIEF UFFER** – Progress

**CO.2 ASST. CHIEF RICE**—Rice stated:

1. Covering for Station 30 from 1800 to 2200 for them to attend a natural gas plant drill in Howell Township
2. 2626 going in water tomorrow
3. 2624 will be at Fire & Safety to get the rear door handle fixed.

4. Dual response working well.

**CO. 3 CHIEF CALVO** – Calvo stated:

1. New truck in service as of last night, most of training is complete.
2. Boat is in the water
3. Thanked Chris Laneve for getting the GPS system back up to speed.
4. Met with the Federation of Beaches several weeks ago, recruitment and retention was discussed.
5. OEM is doing a table top exercise at Police headquarters in the near future
6. Rumors are flying re: school and the budget with as much as a 9.9% increase. He is not sure if this will affect the fire budget just wanted to make sure the board is aware of this.

**CO.4 CHIEF VETH** – No report

**ISLAND HEIGHTS** –Progress

**SEASIDE HEIGHTS** – Progress

**FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION** –No report

**REMOVALS FROM THE ROLLS**- Robert Matulac Co.2

**Motion Minkler second Krohn to remove Robert Matulac Co.2 from the rolls.**

**Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 CARRIED**

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP** – None

Commissioner Roman asked Attorney Appleby why the board had to hire Andrea Wyatt as the labor attorney at the last meeting through a resolution if in fact Attorney Appleby's firm is already the board attorney. Attorney Appleby cleared the matter of legality and stated it definitely comes under the realm of her firm and did not have to be done but she thought they wanted it specific to a labor attorney.

Minkler asked District Chief Cirz if they are looking to get a couple sets of the black gear into the fire houses to try. Cirz stated since he sent the report it was decided to bring to the Fire Chiefs for further discussion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**-None

**BILLS**

**Motion Minkler second Roman to approve the bill list for May 1, 2024 with additional \$28.16 to reimburse East Dover Fire Company. (SEE INSERTED LIST)**

**Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 CARRIED**

**PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC**- Andy Goresh stated:

1. At the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting it was passed by the board to issue radios to the officers. He asked if this was ever done. Kubiell stated no the radios have not been distributed because there are still no chargers. Krohn stated he can attest that in past experiences although all items were ordered together they came at different times. Kubiell stated there are only about 10 portables radios in the office.
2. What happened to labor Attorney Riccio? Roman answered he resigned.
3. Last meeting chief's cars were discussed. Two were ordered and two more were approved? Kubiell stated yes an additional two vehicles can be ordered if we can find someone that is selling them under state contract.

**Motion Roman second Minkler to go into Private Executive Session @ 6:55 p.m.**

**Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 CARRIED**

**PRIVATE EXECUTIVE** – Attorney Appleby read aloud the private executive statement. A resolution of Toms River Board Fire Commissioners District No.1, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey authorizing the convening of private executive session according to the open public meetings act to discuss personnel issues. *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege and legal advice:* Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is require in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer

**Motion was made to go back into open session by Commissioner Roman, seconded by Commissioner Minkler. All voted in favor.**

**Motion to close was made by Commissioner Roman, seconded by Commissioner Minkler. All voted in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
*Robert Krohn*  
Robert Krohn, Clerk