

**BOARD of FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MOUNT HOLLY FIRE DISTRICT No. 1**

*Work Session Minutes
Thursday, September 24, 2015
7:00pm, Fire Administration Office*

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman McIlwee called the September 24, 2015 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Mount Holly Fire District No. 1 to order at 7:00 PM.

Statement of Adequate Notice:

Solicitor Sendzik read the following statement aloud:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and the right to attend all meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting the public's interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 has caused notice of this meeting to be given by having the date, time, place, and agenda to the extent known thereof posted as follows:

Published in the Burlington County Times (March 12, 2015).
Mailed to the Courier Post (March 9, 2015).
Forwarded to the Municipal Clerk for posting.
Posted in the Fire District Administration Office.
Posted at the Relief Fire Company.
Posted on the official Mount Holly Fire District website.

The Notice has set forth that formal action may be taken.

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Haines, Vice Chairman McIlwee,
Chairman Pike (7:45pm)
Absent: Commissioner Cauley

Staff & Professionals: Director Donnelly, Clerk Brooks, Clerk Mangan, Solicitor Sendzik

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence:

Vice Chairman McIlwee requested that all present stand for the Pledge and remain standing for a moment of silence.

Announcement of Emergency Exits:

Vice Chairman McIlwee read the announcement aloud.

Matters Presented by the Public:

No members of the public approached wishing to speak.

Old Business:

The Board provided discussion regarding the proposed renovations and addition to the Relief Fire Company. Presented by the Director were updated schematics and elevations of the proposed facility.

Let the minutes reflect that Chairman Pike arrived and joined the meeting at 7:30pm. Chairman Pike advised Vice Chairman McIlwee to continue chairing the meeting.

Also discussed by the Board was replacement of the District's aerial device (tiller). Originally the Board was interested in replacing the device with a more appropriate device which required less manpower to staff. Given the proposed pricing for a new aerial device, it was determined that replacement at this time would not be feasible given the proposed renovation project at Relief. Solicitor Sendzik advised the Board that they needed to take official action to approve an amount to be considered at referendum for financing of the project. In addition to the discussion regarding the amount to be considered, discussion also occurred relative to the proposed date of a referendum vote. Following a lengthy discussion involving the proposed financial impact of such a referendum on the taxpayer, Commissioner Brown offered a motion to present Resolution 2015-26 authorizing the Board to proceed with a \$5.9M referendum for renovations and expansion at the Relief location to be held on Saturday, December 12 from 2-9pm. Commissioner Haines provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote on Resolution 2015-26 was recorded as follows:

Aye: Brown, Haines, McIlwee, Pike

Nay:

Abstain:

Following approval of Resolution 2015-26, Solicitor Sendzik discussed with the Board the need to authorize a professional services agreement for the services of bond counsel. Discussion of the Board followed with Commissioner Brown offering a motion to secure the services of Ron Ianoale of McManimon, Scotland, and Baumann and authorizing the Director to enter into Agreement with same. Vice Chairman McIlwee provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote on Resolution 2015-27 was recorded as follows:

Aye: Brown, Haines, McIlwee, Pike

Nay:

Abstain:

Director Donnelly then provided the Board with an update of the current surplus equipment auction being administered through govdeals.com. The Director added that numerous organizations have contacted him and one has had a site visit to inspect Engine 5013.

Next Meeting:

Vice Chairman McIlwee stated that the next meeting of the Board is as follows:

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 7:00pm (Fire Administration Office)

Adjournment:

With no further business on the agenda or being presented to the attention of the Board, Commissioner Haines offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Pike provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Brown, Haines, McIlwee, Pike

Nay:

Abstain:

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman McIlwee at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Haines, Secretary

As prepared by Director Donnelly