

Pine Hill Fire District #1
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Warrington at 7:32 P.M. Vice Chairman Warrington led the salute to the flag and read the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Commissioner Davis – *present*, Commissioner Hassett – *present*, Commissioner Waddington – *not present*, Commissioner Wakeley – *present*, Commissioner Warrington – *present*

Other Officials Present: Chief Dukes, Captain Hunter, Solicitor Carlamere, FD President Joseph Pfeiffer, FD Vice President Steve Rabchuk

Minutes: Vice Chairman Warrington asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes for May 2019. There were none. A motion to accept the minutes for May was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Hassett. Motion passed with four yes votes.

Communications List: Vice Chairman Warrington explained the communications listed on the agenda and asked for a motion to approve. A motion to approve the communications list for May 2019 was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Hassett. Motion passed with four yes votes.

Old Business:

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Fire Equipment and Apparatus Liaison:** No Report
- **Community Relations Liaison:** Vice Chairman Warrington explained the meeting with AMR over relocating staff. He said it was a good meeting. AMR showed their statistical data they used to base their decision. If we wanted any additional services, we would have to pay for them. Vice Chairman Warrington said that there will be a follow up meeting.
- **Information Technology and Equipment Commissioner:** No Report
- **Insurance Fund Commissioner:** Administrator Campanella reported that a bill has passed the Assembly and Senate to extend the statute of limitations for civil actions on sexual abuse pending action from the Governor. Administrator Campanella also reported that a bill is making its way through the legislative process which would presume that any illness or death of a firefighter due to cancer would be considered an occupational disease if they have completed seven years of service.
- **Fire Prevention Commissioner:** No report

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NEW BUSINESS: Vice Chairman Warrington asked if there were any questions regarding the payment of bills for May 2019. There were none.

- **Resolution 19-19:** Approval and payment of bills
- A motion to approve resolution 19-19, as the bills were in order, was made by Commissioner Hassett and seconded by Commissioner Wakeley. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Davis – yes, Commissioner Hassett – yes, Commissioner Wakeley – yes, Commissioner Warrington – yes. Resolution passed with four yes votes.

Vice Chairman Warrington announced that the Fire District has moved the annual election to November and that petitions are now available for anyone interested in running for the position of Fire Commissioner.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: See attached report. Chief Dukes also informed everyone of pending legislation that would treat all line of duty deaths under the same benefits covered by the Police and Firefighters Retirement System.

Chief Dukes also reported that the Governor is trying to take \$33 million out of the State Fireman's Association to fill a hole in the State Budget. It will be met with resistance from the Assembly.

Vice Chairman Warrington reported that the fire district received a very good loss control report from the Joint Insurance Fund and thanked Chief Dukes and his staff for doing fine job running the department. Chief Dukes said that the loss control expert was happy to see that we purchased an extractor to clean contaminated gear. Chief Dukes said that he is working on getting more spare hoods for the firefighters.

Chief Dukes reported that his new vehicle is in service. The work on the Ladder Truck has been completed and preventative maintenance is scheduled for the Squad and Engine trucks.

FIRE OFFICIAL'S REPORT: See attached report.

FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR' REPORT: See attached report

A motion to approve all reports presented was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Wakeley. Motion passed with four yes votes.

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OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: Vice Chairman Warrington opened the floor to the public.

Walt Davis – 1 Franklin Ave. asked to address the commission.

1. Mr. Davis said that he did not understand what the Chief was explaining regarding line of duty deaths. Chief Dukes explained the issue again.
2. Mr. Davis asked if the gas leaks at KFC have been corrected. Chief Dukes said that South Jersey Gas Company has corrected the problem and there have been no new calls.
3. Mr. Davis asked how the new full-time firefighters are making out. Chief Dukes said that they are making out very well. There is only a two-hour gap in coverage. They are working 48 hours per week.
4. Mr. Davis asked if the new firefighters are getting overtime for working 48-hour work weeks. Chief Dukes said no, they are being paid 48 hours straight time. If they work over 48 hours, they will be paid overtime.
5. Mr. Davis asked about the stipend program. Chief Dukes said that the program has been in effect for two weeks and it is working out very well.
6. Mr. Davis asked is the number of scratched calls has been reduced. Chief Dukes said that there have been no scratched calls since the new firefighters started.
7. Mr. Davis asked what a pre-plan program was? Chief Dukes said that it is a review of buildings to know where everything is located in the event of a real fire call.
8. Mr. Davis said that he read an article where two firefighters fell when the roof they were on collapsed. Mr. Davis said that he does not agree with firefighters being on the rooves. Chief Dukes explained his opinion on the topic and there was some discussion.

CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: Vice Chairman Warrington asked for a motion to close the floor to the public if there were no other questions. A motion to close the floor to the public was made by Commissioner Hassett and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion passed with four yes votes.

CLOSED SESSION: Chief Dukes requested a closed session to report on a personnel issue. Vice Chairman Warrington asked for a motion to enter a closed session.

Resolution 19-20: Closed session for personnel issue

A motion to approve Resolution 19-20 and enter a closed session was made by Commissioner Wakeley and seconded by Commissioner Hassett. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Davis – yes, Commissioner Hassett – yes, Commissioner Wakeley – yes, Commissioner Warrington – yes. Resolution passed with four yes votes. Closed session entered at 7:55 p.m.

Outcome of Closed Session: The regular meeting resumed at 8:03 p.m. Vice Chairman Warrington announced that no formal action was taken in the closed session.

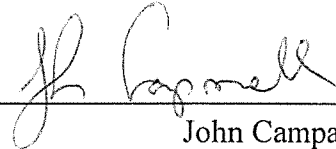
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ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chairman Warrington asked if there were any other issues. There were none. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wakeley and seconded by Commissioner Hassett. Motion passed with four yes votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Kenneth Davis
Commission Secretary



John Campanella
Fire District Business Administrator