

Pine Hill Fire District #1
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Waddington at 7:32 P.M. Chairman Waddington led the salute to the flag and read a statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Other Officials Present: Chief Dukes, FD President Joseph Pfeiffer, Battalion Chief Matt Buchhofer, FD Vice President Steve Rabchuk

Minutes: Chairman Waddington asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes of the meeting held on September 2, 2020. There were none. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Hassett and seconded by Commissioner Warrington. Three commissioners were in favor. Commissioner Warrington abstained on approving the minutes for the first part of the meeting that he was not in attendance. There was no official business conducted during the first part of the meeting. Motion passed with three yes votes.

Communications List: Chairman Waddington explained that the only communications this month was the Pine Hill EMS Statistics for August 2020. Chairman Waddington asked if there were any questions regarding the statistics. There were none.

Old Business:

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Fire Equipment and Apparatus Liaison:** No Report
- **Community Relations Liaison:** No Report
- **Information Technology and Equipment Commissioner:** Chairman Waddington said that the administrator is going to check with JHarte regarding software for the officers.
- **Insurance Fund Commissioner:** No report
- **Fire Prevention Commissioner:** No report
- **EMS Liaison:** Commissioner Warrington gave a brief report saying that the State of NJ EMS office is considering providing iPads to be used for EMS reports.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Waddington asked if there were any questions regarding the payment of bills presented at the meeting or the other items listed on the agenda. There were none.

- **Resolution 20-13:** Approval and payment of Bills - As the bills were in order, a motion to approve resolution 20-13 was made by Commissioner Warrington and seconded by Commissioner Hassett. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Hassett – yes,

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Commissioner Waddington – yes, Commissioner Warrington – yes. Motion passed with three yes votes.

- Resolution 20-14: Acceptance of the 2019 SAFER Grant

Chairman Waddington explained that a resolution was passed in 2019 to allow the Chief to apply for two SAFER grants with FEMA. The fire district has been approved for the SAFER grant for hiring two additional firefighters. Chairman Waddington said that the award letter was in the agenda packet and asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Hassett asked about the cost to the fire district. Chairman Waddington said that the grant is paying 100% of the cost for the first three years.

A motion to accept the SAFER grant was made by Commissioner Hassett and seconded by Commissioner Warrington. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Hassett – yes, Commissioner Waddington – yes. Commissioner Warrington – yes. Motion passed with three yes votes.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: See attached report. Chief Dukes said that he developed the hiring process and calendar to begin the hiring process for the SAFER grant. There was some discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Hassett and seconded by Commissioner Warrington to authorize Chief Dukes to begin the hiring process. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Hassett – yes, Commissioner Waddington – yes. Commissioner Warrington – yes. Motion passed with three yes votes.

FIRE OFFICIAL’S REPORT: See attached report.

FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: See attached report

Chairman Waddington asked if there were any questions regarding the Fire Chief’s, Fire Official’s, or Administrator’s reports. There were none. A motion to approve the reports presented was made by Commissioner Hassett and seconded by Commissioner Warrington. All were in favor. Motion passed with three yes votes.

OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: Chairman Waddington asked for a motion to open the floor to the public. A motion to open the floor to the public was made by Commissioner Warrington and seconded by Commissioner Hassett. All were in favor. Motion passed with three yes votes.

Walter Davis, 1 Franklin Ave.

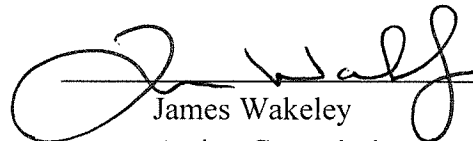
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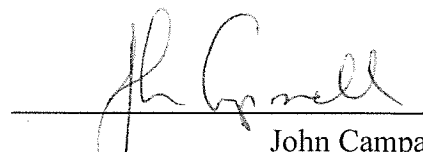
1. Mr. Davis said that he heard that Pine Valley and Pine Hill were going to merge. He wanted to know if it would affect Pine Hill. Commissioner Hassett said that he read something about the issue, but he is not aware of any concrete plans. Chairman Waddington added that the Pine Hill Fire Department already provides fire protection for Pine Valley.
2. Mr. Davis said that everything seems to be going well and he is impressed with the progress of the fire department and teamwork.
3. Mr. Davis said that he thought that the fire department was a long shot to be awarded the SAFER grant. He is surprised that we won the award and wants to give the fire department credit for a good job.

CLOSE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC: Chairman Waddington asked for a motion to close the floor to the public if there were no other questions. There were none. A motion to close the floor to the public was made by Commissioner Warrington and seconded by Commissioner Hassett. All were in favor. Motion passed with three yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Waddington asked if there were any other issues that needed to be discussed. There were none. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Warrington and seconded by Commissioner Hassett. All were in favor. Motion passed with three yes votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


James Wakeley
Acting Commission Secretary


John Campanella
Fire District Business Administrator