

**MOUNT LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING / WORK SESSION**

January 5, 2010  
Fire Department Headquarters Station  
Meeting Minutes #1

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. Commissioner Roura
2. Commissioner Shestack
3. Commissioner Cornue
4. Commissioner Nash
5. Commissioner Shapiro
6. Chief of Department Gallos
7. Administrator Jones
8. Deputy Chief Colucci

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Shestack at 7:39 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

The Public Announcements were read by Commissioner Shapiro.

**General Discussion Items:**

**2009 LOSAP Appeal**

Administrator Jones reported that there were no 2009 LOSAP appeals submitted yet, but he was informed by Fellowship President Einstein that 1 may be forthcoming.

**MUA Mailer Content Discussion**

Commissioner Shapiro reported that the MUA mailer is basically the same as it was last year. She asked the Board table further discussion on this matter until Battalion Chief Kirvan arrives tonight with more details.

**"Fee for Service" Resolution/Ordinance Discussion**

Commissioner Shestack asked Chief of Department Gallos if anything has changed with the proposed ordinance since the last meeting. Chief of Department Gallos stated that nothing has and added that he had given a copy of the proposed ordinance to Township Clerk Pat Halbe for her to review and explained that it was very similar to the EMS billing ordinance. She will now put it into the standard Township Ordinance format and present it to Township Council for discussion and approval. She did not feel that they would have a problem with it because of it's' similarity with the EMS billing ordinance.

**Adoption of Resolutions:**

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| Resolution #2010-01 | "Appointment of Paul M. Bonamassa as an 'Open Enrollment' Member of the Mount Laurel Fire Department". Commissioner Shapiro made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Roura. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.                        |
| Resolution #2010-02 | "Appointment of Michael W. Dowdy to Active Membership in the Fellowship Fire Company #2 and the Mount Laurel Fire Department". Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.  |
| Resolution #2010-03 | "Appointment of Brian M. Potenski to Active Membership in the Masonville Fire Company #1 and the Mount Laurel Fire Department". Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. |
| Resolution #2010-04 | "Appointment of Peter J. Toso, Jordan B. Kleeman and Andrew J. Gerber as 'Junior Members' of the Mount Laurel Fire Department". Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. |

- Resolution #2010-05 "Appointment of Benjamin Q. Campbell as an 'Explorer' Member of the Mount Laurel Fire Department". Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Resolution #2010-06 "Resolution to Recognize the Service and Dedication of Lieutenant Christopher Burnett to the Mount Laurel Fire District #1 as a Provisional Fire Official". Commissioner Roura made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Nash. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board,
- Resolution #2010-07 "Resolution to Accept Responsibility for all Emergency Rescue Services and the transfer of Suitable Emergency Rescue Equipment from Mount Laurel EMS and Mount Laurel Township". Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.
- Resolution #2010-08 "Resolution Requesting Mount Laurel Township Council to Create an Ordinance Enabling the Board of Fire Commissioners to Charge for Certain Fire & Rescue Services Rendered by the Mount Laurel Fire District #1." Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Cornue. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Nash commented that last year, the Board commissioned a study of how we can improve recruitment and retention of volunteers. The report recommended that we try to reach a goal of recruiting 10 new volunteers each year and with tonight's swear-in, we are already halfway towards that goal. He congratulated Fellowship President Einstein on his efforts in making this happen.

The Board returned to the MUA Mailer issue. Battalion Chief Kirvan had still not arrived, so Commissioner Shapiro asked the Board if there were any comments or concerns with the content of the mailer. Commissioner Roura felt that the text at the bottom "please vote - our goal is to maintain safety and service" needed to be revised based on last years' legal counsel opinion that we cannot request or instruct voters to support the budget on any printed matter that we pay for. After discussion of the options that might be more acceptable and still get our message across, it was decided to remove the 'Please Vote' words. The Board then discussed the banner at the top of the flyer, which stated "Mount Laurel Fire Department potentially faces firefighter and staff reductions. There were concerns about whether this language would scare or panic the public. It was decided that more time needed to be spent to revise some of the language in the mailer before it was acceptable.

- Resolution #2010-09 "Closing of Meeting Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Act". Commissioner Cornue made a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Roura. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

THE OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8:13 PM.  
 THE CLOSED SESSION BEGAN AT 8:29 PM.  
 THE CLOSED SESSION ENDED AT 11:25 PM.  
 THE MEETING ENDED AT 11:26 PM.