

Jackson Township Board of Fire Commissioners District #2
785 Miller Avenue
Jackson, NJ 08527
732-928-9100

Regular Business Meeting May 14, 2020

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Meeting called to order at 8 PM May 14, 2020. Access to this meeting was advertised on the District's web site as:

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1-312-757-3121 Access code: 260-356-917

- Meeting called to order at 8 PM by Commissioner Rubio
 - In attendance:
 - Commissioner Rubio
 - Commissioner Ryan
 - Commissioner Redington
 - Commissioner Kieran Flemming
 - Commissioner Alchevsky
 - Also in attendance:
 - District Administrator Rauch
 - Board Attorney Braslow
 - Chief Bunnell Cassville FC
 - Assistant Chief Poppe Jr
 - Chief Martin Flemming IV Whitesville FC
 - Assistant Chief Tim Flemming Whitesville FC
 - President Aldrich Whitesville FC
 - President Novak Cassville FC
- Meeting was duly advertised as required
- Pledge of allegiance
- Attorney's report
 - Mr Braslow spoke briefly on Senate and Assembly bills
 - Should municipalities (or Districts) experience financial hardships due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, having difficulties on payments from monies not yet received they can contact the NJ DCA to appeal or defer.

- Administrator Rauch advised that there will be hose, pump and ground ladder testing ongoing this week.
- A new lawn mower is needed for the Miller Avenue fire station. The existing mower is no longer serviceable.
 - Commissioner Flemming will work on pricing and acquisition of a new mower as required.
- There was discussion by Rauch, Braslow and the Commissioners regarding the acquisition of a new fire engine for the Whitesville fire station. Since the Coronavirus health restrictions in place make public meetings and elections difficult it was decided to table this subject to the June meeting when the restrictions of public gatherings may be lifted or relaxed and a better more open exchange can be made with the public.
- There is a need to move forward with the ordering of new fire fighter turn out gear for new fire fighters and replacement of worn and expired gear. After some discussion the Board agreed to move forward with this acquisition with the cost to be maintained within the budgeted amount.
- Administrator Rauch expressed a need for the fire fighters to begin hands on training again. Since the institution of the Governors executive order of limited gatherings and social distancing training has been on-line based only, no practical application. After some discussion it was agreed that hands on fire fighter training can resume as long as it complies with executive order 107, no more than 9 persons and all social distancing measures are to be followed.
- The issue of NO EMS response was discussed. The Board agreed to continue the ban on responding to all EMS calls for now. The issue will be revisited at the June meeting for further consideration.
- Chiefs report
 - Chief Flemming IV Whitesville FC; no negative issues
 - Assistant Chief Poppe Jr
 - At a recent fire call the Cassville FC responded to a call for service where the KNOX BOX security system was in question. Chief Poppe asked if the KNOX BOX installation and operation is governed by Township Ordinance and if not it should be.
 - This question will be researched and the Township Committee liaison contacted.
 - Cassville FC has experienced some calls for service where the Jackson EMS is not on scene during the fire call. Chief Poppe expressed a concern for a delayed response should EMS be needed at a fire scene.
 - Chief Flemming was asked if he is experiencing the same condition and he said no.

- Commissioner Alchevsky indicated he would look into this matter.
- Presidents reports for Cassville and Whitesville FC's
 - No report
- Old business
 - The sale of ladder 5605
 - Atlantic Highlands FC continues its interest with the purchase of the truck and is moving forward as best it can during these current events.
- Commissioner Rubio asked for a motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Alchevsky made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Flemming. All Commissioners voted to approve the motion.
- At this time to public was invited to speak however there was no response.
- There was no move to go to closed session.
- With no further business Commissioner Rubio asked for a motion to close and end the meeting, Commissioner Ryan made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Alchevsky. All Commissioner voted yes to the motion.
 - The meeting ended at approximately 8:30 PM.