

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

*Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 5, 2019  
7:30pm, Fire District Administration Office*

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Pike called the June 5, 2019 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Mount Holly Fire District No. 1 to order at 7:30 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 Mount Holly 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 29, 2019).  
Published in the Courier Post (March 29, 2019).  
Forwarded to the Municipal Clerk for posting (March 27, 2019).  
Posted in the Fire District Administration Office.  
Posted at the Relief Fire Company.  
Posted on the Official Fire District Website

The Notice set forth that formal action may be taken.

**Roll Call:**

*Present:* Commissioner Fajgier, Commissioner Haines, Vice Chairman McIlwee, Chairman Pike

*Absent:* Commissioner Brown

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

**Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence:**

Chairman Pike requested that all present stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for our departed members and those lost in the line of duty.

**Announcement of Emergency Exits:**

Chairman Pike read the announcement aloud.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

May 1, 2019 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

Commissioner Haines offered a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Fajgier provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Fajgier, Haines, Pike

Nay:

Abstain: McIlwee

**Approval of Monthly District Reports:**

Chief Apparatus Officer – May 2019

Fire Official – May 2019

Commissioner Haines offered a motion to approve the reports as read by Director Donnelly. Vice Chairman McIlwee provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Fajgier, Haines, McIlwee, Pike

Nay:

**Approval of Vouchers:**

As prepared and presented.

Vice Chairman McIlwee offered a motion to approve the vouchers as presented. Commissioner Haines provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Fajgier, Haines, McIlwee, Pike

Nay:

**Matters Presented by the Public:**

Paul Cronrath residing at 573 Main Street in Lumberton, NJ came forth asking why the current operational officers have requested that District equipment in his possession be returned and why was he removed from dispatch software. Mr. Sendzik reminded both the Board and Mr. Cronrath of the Chain of Command within the District and advised all to ensure that it was being followed. Mr. Cronrath was advised by Chairman Pike that the matter is of personnel in nature and that Chief Gimeno must be consulted.

**Old Business:**

Relief project update

19 Pine Street has officially been transferred to the ownership of the District as Mr. Sendzik closed on the property following last month's meeting. Director Donnelly advised the Board that submission has been made to the County Planning Board. Communications have been ongoing with Green Acres and DEP regarding the application. Several project professionals have been to the site for visits to finalize their respective portion of the construction documents.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2019-20:** Resolution authorizing participation in the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System.

Vice Chairman McIlwee offered a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Haines provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Fajgier, Haines, McIlwee, Pike  
Nay:

**Matters to be Presented by the Director:**

Director Donnelly discussed the status of the District's tiller truck, 5015. After speaking with the Chief and with the solicitor, it was understood that the apparatus has low mileage and has not been responding to incidents as the vehicle requires two operators. Due to a lack of operators and the expense in training new operators, a recommendation has been set forth to the Board to list for auction the tiller and purchase an aerial truck in the future, which would require only one operator and would be more practical for incident response.

**Resolution 2019-21:** Resolution authorizing disposal of property at auction.

Following additional discussion, Commissioner Fajgier offered a motion to approve Resolution 2019-21, which includes the listing of the tiller truck and other equipment for auction. Vice Chairman McIlwee provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Fajgier, Haines, McIlwee, Pike  
Nay:

**2020 Fire District Election**

Director Donnelly briefly discussed the 2020 Fire District election and requested that the Board consider moving the election to the November General Election. He would like to have additional discussion and a direction from the Board in the coming months.

**Matters to be Presented by the Solicitor:**

Mr. Sendzik advised the Board that there is a personnel matter requiring the Board's notification. He and the Director request that the Board adjourn into Executive Session for a period of approximately 30 minutes and that official action may be taken following the Board's return to public session.

**Resolution 2019-22:** Resolution authorizing Executive Session.

Vice Chairman McIlwee provided a motion to enter into Executive Session, approving the Resolution. Commissioner Fajgier provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Fajgier, Haines, McIlwee, Pike  
Nay:

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:05pm.

Following discussion of the personnel matter in Executive Session, Commissioner Fajgier provided a motion to return to the public meeting. Commissioner Haines provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Fajgier, Haines, McIlwee, Pike  
Nay:

The Board returned to open, public meeting at 8:38pm.

**Matters to be Presented by the Board:**

Ms. Brooks thanked the District for providing use of a set of turnout gear for a program honoring responders.

Chairman Pike advised those in attendance of the next scheduled meetings of the Board:

<i>Next Meetings:</i>	BOFC Meeting, Wednesday, July 3, 7:30pm, Fire District Administration Office
	BOFC Meeting, Wednesday, August 7, 7:30pm, Fire District Administration Office

**Adjournment:**

With no other business on the agenda or being presented for consideration, Vice Chairman McIlwee offered a motion for adjournment. Commissioner Haines provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Fajgier, Haines, McIlwee, Pike  
Nay:

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pike at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Haines, Secretary  
(as prepared by Director Donnelly)