

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

*Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2017
7:30pm, Fire District Administration Office*

Call to Order:

Chairman Pike called the February 16, 2017 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 23, 2016).
Mailed to the Courier Post (March 21, 2016).
Forwarded to the Municipal Clerk for posting (March 21, 2016).
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 Brown, Commissioner Haines, Vice Chairman McIlwee, Chairman Pike

Absent: Commissioner Cauley

Staff & Professionals: Director Donnelly, Clerk Mangan, Solicitor J. Sendzik, Solicitor K. Sendzik

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence:

Chairman Pike requested that all present stand for the Pledge and remain standing for a moment of silence.

Announcement of Emergency Exits:

Chairman Pike read the announcement aloud.

Matters Presented by the Public:

No members of the public approached wishing to speak.

Old Business:

2017 Officer Selection (Personnel Committee)

Commissioner Brown presented a motion to enter in executive session to discuss personnel with no need for Rice notification. Vice Chairman McIlwee provided a second to the motion. Director Donnelly advised the Board that this action would be Resolution 2017-4, a resolution to enter into executive session. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Brown, Haines, McIlwee, Pike

Nay:

Abstain:

Chairman Pike advised those in attendance that it is anticipated that the Board would meet in Executive for 5 minutes and that formal action may be taken upon return to the open public meeting.

Executive Session:

Chairman Pike advised the Board that interviews were held on February 12, as desired for the officer candidates. He also advised the Board that one previous candidate had withdrawn his interest in an officer position. Following the interviews the Personnel Committee had reevaluated its recommendation and will provide its final recommendation when the Board goes back into its open public meeting.

Commissioner Brown offered a motion to reconvene in the open public meeting. Commissioner Haines provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Brown, Haines, McIlwee, Pike

Nay:

Abstain:

Chairman Pike advised the Board that the Personnel Committee makes the following final recommendation for the 2017 operational officers of the District:

Lt. Thomas Mason

Lt. Paul Cronrath

Capt. Rob Allen

Deputy Chief Kevin Gimeno

Chief Pat Hoff

Commissioner Brown offered a motion to accept and approve the recommendation of officers as set forth by the Personnel Committee. Commissioner Haines provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Brown, McIlwee, Pike

Nay:

Present: Haines

Matters to be Presented by the Director:
2017 Budget & Fire District Election

Director Donnelly reminded those present that the annual District election and budget vote is to be held on Saturday, February 18 between the hours of 2 PM and 9 PM at the Township Municipal Building. The 2017 budget has no tax increase and funds a \$210,000.00 capital program to replace the District's SCBA which will have reached their useful life in 2017.

Matters to be Presented by the Solicitor:
Mr. Sendzik had no report for the Board.

Matters to be Presented by the Board:

Next Meetings:

Chairman Pike advised that the next meetings of the Board are as follows:

Annual Fire District Election, Saturday, February 18, 2-9pm,
Mount Holly Municipal Building

BOFC Reorganization Meeting, Wednesday, March 1, 7:30pm,
Mount Holly Construction Office, 37 Washington Street

Adjournment:

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

Aye: Brown, Haines, McIlwee, Pike

Nay:

Abstain:

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pike at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Haines, Secretary

As prepared by Director Donnelly