

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

*Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
7:30pm, Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

Call to Order:

Chairman McIlwee called the October 21, 2020 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Mount Holly Fire District No. 1 to order at 7:40pm.

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 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 (October 16, 2020).
Forwarded to the Courier Post (October 14, 2020).
Forwarded to the Municipal Clerk for posting (October 14, 2020).
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 Haines, Commissioner Brown, Vice Chairman Fajgier, Chairman McIlwee

Absent:

Staff & Professionals: Director Donnelly, Solicitor Sendzik

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence:

Chairman McIlwee 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.

Matters Presented by the Public:

No members of the public requested to speak.

Old Business:

Relief project update

Director Donnelly provided the Board with an update of the Relief Project and advised that the bid opening and its results would be discussed under New Business.

New Business:

Review of bids for Relief Project

Solicitor Sendzik and Director Donnelly discussed the results of the Project bid opening with the Board. A singular bid was returned within the Project budget. Following the bid opening, the general contractor submitting the apparent lowest bid had contacted the project architect advising that a fatal flaw was made in calculating the bid. This submission was further discussed as were the options related to the bidder submitting for consideration of bid withdrawal. The consensus of the Board was to release the contractor and authorized Mr. Sendzik to undertake any necessary steps to affect the withdrawal. As all other received bids were in excess of the established project budget and available funding, the Director and Solicitor recommended to the Board that they move the Resolution on the agenda this evening to reject all bids and authorize the readvertisement of bids with a modified project.

Resolution 2020-13: Resolution Rejecting Bids & Authorizing Readvertisement

Commissioner Haines offered a motion to reject all bids received during the bid opening of October 9 and to readvertise receipt of bids for a modified project. Vice Chairman Fajgier provided a second to the motion. At call of the roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Aye: Haines, Brown, Fajgier, McIlwee

Nay:

Matters to be Presented by the Solicitor:

Mr. Sendzik had no further report for the Board.

Matters to be Presented by the Board:

Director Donnelly brought forth that he would like to hold a special meeting of the Board on November 16 to introduce the proposed 2021 MHFD Budget. He informed the Board that they could forego the scheduled November 4 meeting to hold the proposed meeting on November 16 instead. Chairman McIlwee announced the next meetings of the Board as follows:

Next Meetings:

2021 Budget Introduction, Monday, November 16, 2020,
7:30pm, Zoom Teleconference

BOFC Meeting, Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 7:30pm,
Zoom Teleconference

Adjournment:

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

Aye: Haines, Brown, Fajgier, McIlwee

Nay:

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman McIlwee at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Haines, Secretary
(as prepared by Director Donnelly)