

Hamilton Township Fire District #4

MEETING MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: April 20, 2010
LOCATION: District Headquarter

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Fred Yaede
Chairman Commissioner Betty Newbon
Treasurer/ Commissioner John Newbon
Secretary/ Commissioner Keith Lesslie

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Betty Newbon at 7:00 PM . Meeting is being held with benefit of Public Notice, in accordance with the Sunshine Act.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

Comm. Betty Newbon went into a closed session with the career captain at 7:01 p.m.

Capt. Esposti informed the board regarding a firefighters overtime issue. Firefighters are calling out too late when working on an overtime shift. The board recommends that the captains come up with a proposal, maybe something like a 72 hours notice, and report back to the board.

Capt. Serben reported a problem with the captain overtime shift and the 36 hours situation. The list they have is that the captains are called first , then the 3 eligible guys who can take the test for captains , then the career firefighters. Board recommend that the captains all come up with a proposal and the board will discuss with them and work with them.

Capt. Adams reported a problem with notification on issues. Captains feel there is no notification being passed down. Comm. Yaede asked if there was a white board or something to post the notification. Comm. Jo. Newbon informed the board there is a verizon system that can be done that will sent the message to the cell phone of the captains. Comm. Jo. Newbon will look into it and report back. In meantime, captains needs to pass on the information.

Capt. Serben asked about the uniform policy. It was taken away back when Comm. Zielinski was on the board. Board will look into it and the captains are to recommend a proposal on how they feel it should be as well.

Comm. Yaede asked about a statue that was bought into the firehouse. Capt. Serben reported he was working that day it was bought in, and it came from a drill they attended with Sta. 17. Comm. Yaede reported he wanted it out of the firehouse within 72 hours and that this district does not bring anything back without commissioner approvals.

Meeting went into recess at 8:02 p.m. due to fire call.

Meeting open at 8:35 p.m.

Shop Steward Shane Mull and Firefighter Joe Horn put a grievance letter in regarding FF Horn not being called in to work overtime on captain shift when available. Shop Steward Mull reported the policy stated, captains called first, then 3 eligible firefighters, then career firefighters. He reported that FF Horn was not called as he is one of the 3 eligible firefighter to be called first. Captain Pete Esposti put a letter in regarding the incident in question and reported that FF Horn was working a 24 hours shift before this available overtime was available and that it would have put FF Horn on a 36 hours shift, which is a last resort. Comm. Yaede asked Comm. Lesslie to check the records and see what we can find on this policy. Comm. Lesslie will report back at regular meeting on Thursday with finding.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.