

**7:11:14 PM Township of Deptford Board of Fire Commissioners**

**Public Meeting**

June 1, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

Deptford Township Fire Administration Building

**MINUTES**

**A. Opening by Chairman:**

The regular monthly public meeting of the Deptford Township Fire District #1 Board of Fire Commissioners will be called to order at the Fire Administration Office, 1370 Delsea Drive, at 7:00pm. Adequate notice of this regular meeting has been provided by posting the notice in the entrance of the Fire Administration Building on May 31, 2011 and published it the following newspaper designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners on Sunday May 29, 2011: Gloucester County Times.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Invocation**

Please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer remembering those firefighters who are sick, and those who have deceased.

**D. Roll call of Commissioners/Officials in Attendance**

**7:12:22 PM**

**Present:** Commissioner G Frank, Treasurer R MacKay, Chairman M White, Secretary J Nilsen and Commissioner R Sheairs

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Administrative Clerk D Scally and Solicitor P Frattarelli

E. **7:12:20 PM Approval of Minutes.** Motion to accept by Michael White, seconded by Robert Sheairs.

F. **7:12:36 PM Public Portion (Agenda-related)**

This Public Portion is open to the Public for any comments or questions on specific items listed on the Agenda only. Motion to open by Michael White, seconded by George Frank.

Motion to close by Michael White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen.

G. **7:13:11 PM Resolutions:**

2011-29, Resolution for Adoption of Service Contract for Tracking System on District Vehicles. Motion to adopt by Michael White, seconded by George Frank.

Vote: 5-0  
Yes: Commissioner G Frank, Treasurer R MacKay, Chairman M White, Secretary J Nilsen and Commissioner R Sheairs  
No: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None  
Motion UNANIMOUS PASS.

2011-30, Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property. Motion to adopt by Michael White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.

Vote: 5-0  
Yes: Commissioner G Frank, Treasurer R MacKay, Chairman M White, Secretary J Nilsen and Commissioner R Sheairs  
No: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None  
Motion UNANIMOUS PASS.

H. **7:17:30 PM Chairman's Agenda Items:** Congratulated FFI graduates. Certificates will be presented next month at the Public Meeting.

I. **7:17:47 PM Commissioner's Agenda Items:** None

J. **Solicitor's Agenda Items:** None

K. **Reports:**

1. [7:17:54 PM](#) Fire Marshal Report – read by Chairman White.
  2. [7:19:05 PM](#) Battalion Chief's Report – read by Battalion Chief Rick Thomas
    - Tank sensors coming in
    - Aerial devices
    - PM's on going
    - Saws – one brand recommended
    - Combined drill tomorrow, day and evening, with EMS extrication drill
    - Drill last night, NJ State Police, crash preservations. 61 members present
    - Class A Uniforms – some issues to addressed with Board
    - Members graduated FFI looked outstanding in Class A's
  3. [7:21:36 PM](#) Safety Report – Given By BC Rick Thomas
    - 1 injury, knee
    - incidents where discipline was involved.
  4. [7:21:54 PM](#) Training Report - Given by BC Rick Thomas
    - Lots of training set up for summer. Let us know if going somewhere
    - Live Burn facility in Burlington will be used for training in June before it gets too hot
- L. [7:22:42 PM](#) **Treasurer's Report** – read by Raymond MacKay. Motion to approve as read by Michael White, seconded by Robert Sheairs.

**M. [7:25:09 PM](#) Resolution for Approval of Bills and Vouchers, 2011-28.**

For payment ratification, including those items purchased under state Contract and identified as such and all trust and other accounts. Motion to accept by Michael White, seconded by Joseph Nilsen.

Vote: 5-0  
Yes: Commissioner G Frank, Treasurer R MacKay, Chairman M White, Secretary J Nilsen and Commissioner R Sheairs  
No: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None  
Motion UNANIMOUS PASS.

**N. [7:26:07 PM](#) Public Portion:**

This Public Portion is open to the Public for any general comments or questions on all matters related to the Fire District. Motion to open public portion by Michael White, seconded by Robert Sheairs.

- Constantine Sypsomos, tax payer & employee – tracking system – is it linked to County or just local department? Local per Chairman White. Every piece of apparatus in district? Yes per Chairman White.
- Demetrios Sypsomos, 9-4, wanted to know purpose of tracking system. Chairman White explained what information can be received by tracking system – a complete maintenance system. Going through a lot of maintenance, looking for a trend. Asked if amount mentioned was total cost for year and if there was an installation fee. Chairman White responded that it was the complete cost for full fleet, no installation fee. Do we believe we will save money? Have to try something due to the repetitive costs of things. Demetrios questioned if there is a trial period? We only signed for one year per Chairman White, can opt out after that if we feel it is not working.

- Jim Reed, 9-2, questioned if there is a transponder put in the vehicles? Some type, not really sure how it works, we will receive a report per Chairman White. Seen a similar system on fleets, they say its working.
- Sheldon Johnson, 9-2, questioned if it held a history for a certain period of time? Chairman White stated it believed it does, but has not really seen anything yet. Sheldon explained how the one in his vehicle works through his work.
- Jim Reed, 9-2, regarding second resolution – what is being sold as surplus? Cars in back and some things from big trailer that have not been used in years per Chairman White.
- Jim Reed, 9-2, also commented that concrete looks good in back. Suggested that we might want to put barriers on corners to protect it.
- Fran Pote, employee, asked if the same opportunity for training at Burlington County is being extended to career personnel? Yes, if officers put something together and present it to Chief's. If it's feasible.

Motion to close by Michael White, seconded by Raymond MacKay.

**O. [7:30:59 PM](#) New Business**

**P. [7:31:09 PM](#) Resolution for Commissioners to Convene in Executive Session.** Motion to adopt by Michael White, seconded by George Frank.

**Q. [7:32:19 PM](#) Executive Session (Commissioners)**

**R. [8:19:13 PM](#) Return to Public Session.** Motion to open by Michael White, seconded by George Frank.

**Motion on floor for recommended discipline, consistent with what was disclosed in closed session, by Michael white, seconded by George Frank.**

**S. [8:20:13 PM](#) Adjourn Meeting.** Motion to adjourn by Michael White, seconded by George Frank at 8:10pm.