

MINUTES

The Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, held on the above date, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fisher with Commissioners Shelley, Schlindwein, Bowman and Leuliette present. Also present was Account Clerk Jamerson, and Steve Raymond from the Law Firm of Raymond Coleman Heinold LLP.

Chairman Fisher opened the meeting by reading the following statement:

Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the "*Open Public Meetings Act*," has been given by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, of the Township of Moorestown in the following manner: by posting written notice on the Public Meetings Act Bulletin Board in Town Hall on March 2, 2022 and entering the same in the official book of the Fire District in the Municipal Library; emailing written notice to the official newspaper, the Burlington County Times on March 2, 2022, same being published on March 6, 2022, filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Moorestown on March 2, 2022; filing written notice with the Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, mailing written notice to each person who has requested copies of the schedule of meetings and who has prepaid the fixed charge for such service, and other Social Media Outlets.

Following that, Chairman Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, after which he indicated the emergency exits.

Chairman Fisher mentioned that Solicitor Doug Heinold was unable to make the meeting and that his partner Steve Raymond would assist with the Oaths of Office.

**OATHS OF OFFICE:**

Chairman Fisher asked Solicitor Raymond to administer the Oath of Office to Re-Elected Commissioners Fisher and Leuliette for a three-year term on the Board of Fire Commissioners that ends March 2026.

**NOMINATIONS:**

Chairman Fisher turned the meeting over to Solicitor Raymond, whom in turn handled the nomination of the Office of Chairman for the fiscal Year March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024. Commissioner Fisher was nominated by a motion from Commissioner Shelley, seconded by Commissioner Bowman. There being no further question on the motion for Commissioner Fisher as Chairman, the nominations were closed; the motion for Commissioner Fisher for the Office of Chairman was carried by the five Board members present.

Commissioner Leuliette was nominated for the Office of Vice Chairman by a motion from Commissioner Schlindwein, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. There being no question on the motion, the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the five Board members present.

Commissioner Schlindwein was nominated for the Office of Secretary/Clerk by a motion from Commissioner Leuliette, seconded by Commissioner Shelley. There being no question on the motion, the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the five Board members present.

Commissioner Shelley was nominated for the Office of Treasurer by a motion from Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Bowman. There being no question on the motion, the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the five Board members present.

Commissioner Bowman was nominated for the Office of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer by a motion from Commissioner Schlindwein, seconded by Commissioner Leuliette. There being no question on the motion, the nominations were closed; the motion was carried by the five Board members present.

Solicitor Raymond administered the oaths of office to the five Commissioners present.

Resolution 2022-13 “*Appointment of the Officers of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024*” was introduced confirming the election of officers as a result of the prior motions and was read by Account Clerk Jamerson. A motion was offered by Commissioner Shelley and seconded by Commissioner Bowman. There being no question, the resolution was adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

#### **REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 2022-14 “*Fixing the Time & Place of Regular Meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Making Provisions Relative to Special & Emergency Meetings & Adopting Certain Procedures & Forms for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024*” was read by Account Clerk Jamerson and was offered on a motion by Commissioner Leuliette and seconded by Commissioner Shelley. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-15 “*Appointing an Auditor, Solicitor, Insurance Broker, Depository of District Funds, Employee Health and Physician Services and the Official Newspapers of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Fiscal Year March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024*” was read by Account Clerk Jamerson and was offered on a motion by Commissioner Schlindwein and seconded by Commissioner Bowman. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-16 “*Public Employee Blanket Bond*” was read by Account Clerk Jamerson and was offered on a motion by Commissioner Schlindwein and seconded by Commissioner Leuliette. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-17 “*Establishing Fees for Government Records*” was read by Account Clerk Jamerson and was offered on a motion by Commissioner Bowman and seconded by Commissioner Leuliette. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-18 “*Establishing the Rate of Reimbursement for Mileage on Personal Vehicles & Establishing a Per Diem Rate for Official Travel*” was read by Account Clerk Jamerson and was offered on a motion by Commissioner Schlindwein and seconded by Commissioner Leuliette. There being no questions, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-19 “*Appointing Members to the Awards Committee of the Board of Fire Commissioners*” was read by Account Clerk Jamerson and was offered on a motion by Commissioner Shelley and seconded by Commissioner Bowman. There being no question, the resolution was unanimously adopted 5-0 on a roll-call vote.

Resolution 2022-20 “*Appointment of a Solicitor*” was read by Account Clerk Jamerson and offered on a motion by Commissioner Schlindwein, seconded by Commissioner Shelley. On a roll-call vote, the resolution was adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2022-21 “*Designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer*” was read by Account Clerk Jamerson and offered on a motion by Commissioner Leuliette, seconded by Commissioner Bowman. On a roll-call vote, the resolution was adopted 5-0.

#### **REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN:**

For the past few years, I have taken this opportunity to look back at the past year and thank you, my fellow Commissioners, our staff, Chiefs, line officers, and members for another successful year in service to our friends and neighbors.

My calls to you in the past few days have caused me to think about... us. You all have, for another year, chosen to stay in your positions and keep your assignments. We are all comfortable with our tasks. We are comfortable with our staff. Our staff is comfortable with us. It would be comfortable to stick with what we know and what we have learned to do. But I also sensed from you a wind blowing from a different direction. I got a feeling that we are not satisfied with what is comfortable. There is something telling each of us and all of us that now is **not** the time to sit in our comfortable rocking chairs and just do our comfortable jobs.

Now is the time to push; to look at things in a different way; to seek a fresh perspective on tasks that have become perhaps **too familiar**. It is a time to ask ourselves and each other “What else can we be doing” and “How else can we be doing it?”

Sam and Grant brought us a new recruiting initiative that shows promise... and brings energy to a program that had grown stale.

Peter wants to revisit our mission and methods, to see if we can make the Fire District better, or more effective, more efficient, or all the above... and we’re going to do that.

Karl and I have reached out to our brothers about issues that we have in common. We have found them willing to talk about things that we could not talk about before. It’s early yet, but we are encouraged by the response.

So begins a new year. We have the same names. We’re sitting in the same chairs, but we’re different. We’re going to **be** different. We’re going to do things differently... maybe better, maybe not, but we’re going to try to make it better... **EVERY DAY!**

Chairman Fisher reviewed the committee assignments for 2023; Board agreed to the same.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Schlindwein thanked Account Clerk Jamerson and Administrator Chesner for all their help planning the Chief's Installation and Awards Dinner.

There being no more comments or announcements, on a motion by Commissioner Leuliette, seconded by Commissioner Shelley, the reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel J. Schlindwein  
Secretary/Clerk