

Atlantic County Firefighters' Association
October 19, 2005
Weekstown, Mullica Twp.

A **regular meeting** was called to order by President Thomas Hunter at 8:00 p.m. Following the flag salute, the members were welcomed to Weekstown and Mullica Twp. By Chief Robert Cirillo.

Roll Call was taken; a quorum was present.

Minutes of the September 21, 2005, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report presented and approved.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Next meeting, Friday, Nov. 4, 7:30 PM. South Egg Harbor

Board of Director /Training Center: Next meeting, Nov. 14, 7:00 PM.

Fire Coordinator – Ed Vincent reported on the following:

- Our grant request for central dispatching infrastructure funding was not approved.
- Field Com. 25 training for Coordinators/Radio Operators completed
- State Fire Coordinator Meeting, Nov. 5
- Automated mutual aid plan still being finalized.

Training: Mike Corbo, Director of Training, reported on the following:

- FDIC East went well; all contributors thanked.
- Flashover Simulator worked well for FDIC. SOPs and fee schedule for regular usage being drafted.
- Status of training schedule reviewed
- FF2 underway. It was noted that the state has proposed new regulations for FF2. More to follow.
- All new SCBA/bottles have been inventoried and placed in service.

Library: Ron Bird is continuing with efforts to organize materials.

Chiefs' Association: Jim Garth advised that the next meeting will be Tuesday, 11/29, 8:00 PM at the Training Center. Nomination of officers.

Fireman's Home: Oscar Dutch reported the following:

- Superintendent of Home has resigned.
- Various renovations are underway
- A 1902 Steam Engine has been acquired for the museum

Unfinished Business : Stacey Wellington coordinated association activities at the training center during FDIC East.

- A second reading of the proposed change to the Constitution and By-Laws-written notice sent out with September minutes – was held. The membership, by a majority vote, recommended minor additions to the proposals (see attached.)

New Business: First nomination of officers for 2006

President	R. Thomas Hunter, Jr.	
1 st Vice President	Dennis Sharpe	
2 nd Vice President	Kathleen Dierwechter	
Secretary	Robert Mellon	
Treasurer	Lou Riciti	
Asst. Secretary / Treasurer	Stacey Wellington	
Chaplain	Rev. Thomas Sweeny	
Sergeants – at – Arms (3)	Chester P. Crowell	
	William Thomas Hand	
	Charles Harlan	
	William Donath, Sr.	
<u>Executive Committee (9)</u>		
Howard Berchtold, Jr.	Oscar Dutch, Jr.	Ellsworth Ott
Ronald Bird, Jr.	James Garth, Sr.	Armor “Skip” Portale
Rick Coraluzzo Sr.	Charles J. Guenther	Ted Reinhard
	Gilbert Zonge, Jr.	

- All Bills presented and approved for payment.

Good of the Order: On behalf of the Absecon Fire Dept. Ed Vincent thanked all who attended their recent housing – even with inclement weather. 49 pieces of apparatus participated.

Dennis Sharpe presented plaques to the winners of the 2005 Field Day Competition held at the 4H Fair. Hammonton, Germania and Farmington received the awards.

Ted Reinhard advised at the various contacts had made at FDIC East. We can expect various equipment donations as a result of these contacts.

Applications for membership received from Michael Lancaster and Robert A. Mellon from Oceanville. Accepted.

Date Clearing:

11/12/05	Minotola	Roast Beef Sale	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
11/12/05	Hammonton #2	Comedy Show	7:30 PM to ?
12/10/05 (r.d. 12/11)	Hammonton	Christmas Parade	
1/07/06	Retirement Dinner Mt. Laurel F.D.	Chief William D. Dukes, Sr.	For Information: 609-820-6122 or 609-929-7738

Adjournment 9:40 pm

Next meeting, November 16, 2005 - 8:00PM; Somers Point #2

Attested,

Howard H. Berchtold, Jr.

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Proposed amendments: Constitution and By-Laws

Constitution Article VI (officers) Section 2:

Current: Nominations for the above officers shall be held at the October meeting and the November meeting and then closed.

Proposed: (Additional language to above)

A nomination will be considered official only after the member nominated has verbally, at the time of nomination, accepted that nomination. *A nominee who is unable to be present at the time of nomination due to extenuating circumstances may submit a written acceptance. Said correspondence must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership.

By-Laws Article V

Proposed New Section - #4:

To be re-elected to any position, a member must have attended at least 2/3 of the regular meetings during the previous year. Executive Committee members and Administrative Officers must also attend at least 2/3 of the Executive Committee Meetings.