

**March 5, 2019 Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners**

**District #3 in the Township of Hanover**

**County of Morris, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 5, 2019 in accordance with the Public Meeting Act of 1975, Chapter 231.

**Swearing in of Commissioners Robert O’Hare and Craig Vagell:** Administrator Schultz announced the swearing in of Commissioners O’Hare and Vagell. Administrator Schultz administered the oath of office to Commissioners O’Hare and Vagell.

**Election of Members to Board Positions:** Administrator Schultz presided over the election of Members to the following Board positions: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Clerk.

Administrator Schultz entertained a motion by the members of the Board for the position of Chairman. Commissioner Callas made a motion to nominate Commissioner Dugan for the position of Chairman. All were in favor.

Administrator Schultz entertained a motion by the members of the Board for the position of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Dugan made a motion to nominate Commissioner Callas for the position of Vice-Chairman. All were in favor.

Administrator Schultz entertained a motion by the members of the Board for the position of Treasurer. Commissioner Callas made a motion to nominate Commissioner DeNigris for the position of Treasurer. All were in favor.

Administrator Schultz entertained a motion by the members of the Board for the position of Secretary. Commissioner Dugan made a motion to nominate Commissioner Vagell for the position of Secretary. All were in favor.

Administrator Schultz entertained a motion by the members of the Board for the position of Clerk. Commissioners DeNigris made a motion to nominate Commissioner O’Hare for the position of Clerk. All were in favor.

Commissioner Dugan presented former Commissioner Maria Florio with a plaque in grateful appreciation for her service as Fire Commissioner from 2013 to 2019 in Hanover Township Fire District 3. Commissioner Dugan thanked former

Commissioner Florio for her years of service on behalf of the Board and citizens of Cedar Knolls.

Commissioner Dugan presented former Commissioner Thomas Quirk Jr. with a plaque in grateful appreciation for his service as Fire Commissioner from 2007 to 2019 in Hanover Township Fire District 3. Commissioner Dugan thanked former Commissioner Quirk for his years of service on behalf of the Board and citizens of Cedar Knolls.

**SWEARING IN OF 2019-2020 VOLUNTEER OFFICERS:** Commissioner Dugan turned the meeting over to Chief DiGiorgio for the Swearing in of the 2019-2020 Officers.

Chief DiGiorgio administered the oath of office to the following Volunteer Officers:

Asst. Chief MaryLou DeSimone of the EMS Division

Captain Vincent Barisciano of the Fire Division

Lieutenant Timothy Costello of the Fire Division

Chief DiGiorgio welcomed everyone to annual reorganization meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners. 2019 marks the 95<sup>th</sup> reorganization meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners and also marks 100 years of service of the Cedar Knolls Fire Department to the residents and visitors of Cedar Knolls, Hanover Township and also our mutual aid partners. Chief DiGiorgio thanked the current and former members for all of their years of dedication and service to our community. As the Cedar Knolls Fire Department celebrates a century of service, two active members of our department will be celebrating their accomplishments of a half a century of service. Former Chief of Department Thomas Harrington and former EMS Captain and current Firefighter Gary Keyser both joined the department in 1969. Congratulations to both of gentleman for their accomplishments since 1969. Chief DiGiorgio congratulated Commissioner O'Hare and Commissioner Vagell on their appointment to the Board and said he looks forward to working with them in their new roles. Chief DiGiorgio told former Commissioner Quirk that it was a pleasure working with him in the past four years in his current role as Chief and during his tenure on the Board. In 2007, former Commissioner Quirk was appointed to the Board to fill the vacant spot created by the passing of long time Commissioner and former Chief of

Department Jim Crotty. Chief DiGiorgio noted that TQ had big shoes to fill in 2007 and after 13 years of dedicated service to the Board and to the District, he believes you filled those shoes very well. Chief DiGiorgio noted that TQ had been appointed Vice Chairman of the Board for the past two terms and assigned to serve as Liaison to the Career Staff, Liaison to Contract Negotiations with the FMBA and Liaison to the Fire Company along with Communications Liaison. Chief DiGiorgio said that former commissioner Quirk would be remembered for the things that he has done here and thanked him for his years of hard work and dedication to the District. Chief DiGiorgio, on behalf of the Membership, thanked former Commissioner Quirk for all his support and dedication through all his years.

Chief DiGiorgio told former Commissioner Maria Florio that it was also a pleasure working with her for the past four years of your tenure. Chief DiGiorgio noted that former Commissioner Florio was appointed to the Board in 2014 and tasked as the Liaison to the EMS Committee, Liaison to the Insurance Committee and most recently, Liaison to the Personnel Committee. Chief DiGiorgio said that it was great working with former Commissioner Florio and that her work truly made a lasting impact and has changed the District for the better in so many ways. Chief DiGiorgio, on behalf of the Membership, thanked former Commissioner Florio for all her support and dedication.

Chief DiGiorgio wished Commissioner O'Hare all the best in his new role and said he looks forward to working with him. Chief DiGiorgio said that it has been a pleasure working with him for the past four years in your role as Asst. Chief of the EMS Division. Chief DiGiorgio noted that Commissioner O'Hare is one of the hardest workers he has ever seen and he knows that you will still keep yourself busy in your new role as commissioner. Chief DiGiorgio regarded your daily meetings as something to look forward to and noted that he could set his watch by the time you would come in. Chief DiGiorgio said that you kept him in check, that he missed a lot of lunches but he is ok with that and he looks forward to more of those meetings. Chief DiGiorgio said that he truly appreciates all Commissioner O'Hare's years of service and thanked him for his support over those years.

Chief DiGiorgio wished Commissioner Vagell all the best in his new role as commissioner and said that he looks forward to working with him throughout his term. Chief DiGiorgio noted that he is sure that Commissioner Vagell is up for the

new challenge because he knows from past experience that challenges are something that Commissioner Vagell looks forward to. Chief DiGiorgio said that he looks forward to working with Commissioner Vagell and congratulated him on his new role.

Chief DiGiorgio said that he looks forward to working with all the Fire and EMS officers in this upcoming year and taking on new goals and challenges. Chief DiGiorgio thanked the officers for all their hard work this past year and said that it has made a difference. Chief DiGiorgio noted that without their support, the District would not be in the position that we are currently in. Chief DiGiorgio noted that Asst. Chief Martin continues to lead the Fire Division as one of the premier fire departments in the county. Chief DiGiorgio extended a special thank you to Asst. Chief Martin for his countless hours spent leading the Apparatus Work Group to prepare the delivery and specifications of our new fire engine which is expected to be delivered within the next week. Chief DiGiorgio thanked Asst. Chief Martin for all his support this past year.

Chief DiGiorgio thanked MaryLou DeSimone for stepping up to accept the position of Asst. Chief of EMS and congratulated Scott Thompson on his new role as Captain of EMS. Chief DiGiorgio said that he looks forward to working with both of them.

Chief DiGiorgio thanked everyone for joining us this evening and invited everyone to partake of the refreshments provided by the Fireman's Auxiliary after the final swearing in.

Chief DiGiorgio thanked Committeeman Cahill for joining us this evening.

Chief DiGiorgio administered the oath of office to the following Volunteer Officer:  
Asst. Chief Joseph M. Martin of the Fire Division

Chief DiGiorgio turned the meeting back over to Commissioner Dugan.

Commissioner Dugan said that the public was welcome to stay as the Board approved resolutions or they could adjourn to the second floor for refreshments.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Commissioner Callas made a motion to accept the following resolutions by consent agenda:**

**Resolution 19-03-05-14** designating Official Depositories, Newspapers and Board Officers

**Resolution 19-03-05-15** appointing Fire Official; Chief Chad J. DiGiorgio

**Resolution 19-03-05-16** authorizing Liaison to the Division of Fire Safety Chief; Chad J. DiGiorgio

**Resolution 19-03-05-17** appointing Auditor; William F. Schroeder

**Resolution 19-03-05-18** appointing Accountant; William F. Schroeder

**Resolution 19-03-05-19** appointing General Counsel; Richard Braslow, Esq.

**Resolution 19-03-05-20** appointing Counsel – Labor Matters; Stephen E. Trimboli, Esq.

**Resolution 19-03-05-21** appointing Medical Provider; FastER Urgent Care

**Resolution 19-03-05-22** appointing Pre-Hospital Medical Director; Dr. William Gluckman

**Resolution 19-03-05-23** designating Surety Bonding for certain employees

**Resolution 19-03-05-24** setting the meeting calendar for 2019 – 2020

**Resolution 19-03-05-25** approving Payment of Claims

**Commissioner Dugan seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

**ADJOURN: A motion was made by Commissioner Callas, seconded by Commissioner O’Hare, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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Craig Vagell, Secretary