

March 5, 2024 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 7:00 p.m. on March 5, 2024 in accordance with the Public Meeting Act of 1975, Chapter 231. The Board observed a moment of silence for all those who have given their lives in service of their communities and nation.

Attendance: Commissioners Steven Cornine, Mary Lou DeSimone, Michael Dugan Jr., and Gary Keyser were present.

Administrator Schultz, Deputy Administrator Schultz, Chief Martin, Michael Dugan Sr. and other members of the public were also present.

Swearing in of Commissioners: Commissioner Dugan Jr. administered the oath of office to Commissioner Cornine for a one-year term and Commissioners DeSimone and Dugan Sr. for three-year terms.

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 Dugan Sr. made a motion to nominate Commissioner Cornine for the position of Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Dugan Jr. There were no other nominations. Administrator Schultz cast a single vote in the affirmative for Commissioner Cornine for the position of Chairman and congratulated Commissioner Cornine.

Administrator Schultz entertained a motion by the members of the Board for the position of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Keyser made a motion to nominate Commissioner Dugan Sr. for the position of Vice-Chairman, seconded by Commissioner DeSimone. Commissioner Cornine made a motion to nominate Commissioner Keyser for the position of Vice-Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Dugan Sr. Commissioner Keyser declined the nomination. Commissioner Dugan Sr. also declined the nomination. Administrator Schultz reported that he would pass on the position of Vice-Chairman.

Administrator Schultz entertained a motion by the members of the Board for the position of Treasurer. Commissioner Cornine made a motion to nominate Commissioner Dugan Sr. for the position of Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Dugan Jr. Commissioner DeSimone made a motion to nominate Commissioner Keyser for the position of Treasurer. There was no second on this nomination. There were no other nominations. Administrator Schultz cast a single vote in the affirmative for Commissioner Dugan Sr. for the position of Treasurer and congratulated Commissioner Dugan Sr.

Administrator Schultz entertained a motion by the members of the Board for the position of Secretary. Commissioner Keyser made a motion to nominate Commissioner DeSimone for the position of Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Cornine. There were no other nominations. Administrator Schultz cast a single vote in the affirmative for Commissioner DeSimone for the position of Secretary and congratulated Commissioner DeSimone.

Administrator Schultz entertained a motion by the members of the Board for the position of Clerk. Commissioner Keyser made a motion to nominate Commissioner Dugan Jr. for the position of Clerk, seconded by Commissioner Cornine. There were no other nominations. Administrator Schultz cast a single vote in the affirmative for Commissioner Dugan Jr. for the position of Clerk and congratulated Commissioner Dugan Jr.

Commissioner Keyser reported that he would take the position of Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. Administrator Schultz cast a single vote in the affirmative for Commissioner Keyser for the position of Vice-Chairman and congratulated Commissioner Keyser.

RESOLUTIONS:

Commissioner Cornine asked that the following resolutions be introduced by consent agenda:

Resolution 24-03-05-19 appointing Volunteer Officers.

Resolution 24-03-05-20 designating Official Depositories, Newspapers and Board Officers

Resolution 24-03-05-21 appointing Accountant; Man Lee

Resolution 24-03-05-22 appointing General Counsel; Richard Braslow, Esq.

Resolution 24-03-05-23 appointing Counsel – Labor Matters; Jonathan Cohen, Esq.

Resolution 24-03-05-24 designating Surety Bonding for certain employees

Resolution 24-03-05-25 Approving Payment of Claims

Resolution 24-03-05-26 setting the meeting calendar for 2024 – 2025

Resolution 24-03-05-27 appointing Pre-Hospital Medical Director; Dr. Matthew Letizia, DO

Resolution 24-03-05-28 appointing Auditor; Man Lee

Commissioner Keyser made a motion to introduce the resolutions.

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

The following resolutions will be voted on at the Regular Meeting on March 7, 2024.

Resolution 24-03-05-29 appointing Medical Provider

Swearing in of Fire Officers: Commissioner Dugan Jr. administered the oath of office to Fire Captain Costello. Fire Captain Barisciano was absent. The Board congratulated Captain Costello.

Swearing in of Fire Chief: Commissioner Cornine summarized Joseph M. Martin's years of service as follows:

Joseph Martin joined the Newark Fire Auxiliary in 1986 and rose to the rank of Deputy Chief. Joseph Martin worked for University EMS as a Rescue Specialist and EMT in 1986, MTAC in Irvington as a Lieutenant, and as a Hazmat Tech with Conte. Joseph Martin served the Newark Police Department as a road cop for 5 years where after they learned how many special skills he had they moved him to ESU. Joseph Martin joined Hanover Township Fire District 3 in 2006 where he served in multiple volunteer capacities and all the officer positions up to Asst. Chief. Today we are going to swear Joseph M. Martin in as the Hanover Township Fire District 3 paid Chief.

Commissioner Dugan Jr. administered the oath of office to Fire Chief Joseph M. Martin. The Board congratulated Chief Martin and invited the public to stay for refreshments.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Commissioner Keyser, seconded by Commissioner Dugan Sr., to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Lou DeSimone, Secretary