

THE TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSION  
REORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2019

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The January 2019 Reorganizational meeting of the Tobyhanna Township Fire Commission ("Commission") was held on January 10, 2019, at the Tobyhanna Township Government Center Building, 105 Government Center Way, Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania, 18350.

Present are George Planchock, John Holahan, III, John Kerrick, David Carbone, and John Jablowski. A quorum is present.

1. George Planchock calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

3. NEW BUSINESS

John Holahan motions to make George Planchock Interim Chair. John Jablowski seconds the motion.

a. John Holahan motions to appoint George Planchock. David Carbone seconds. John Holahan, John Kerrick, David Carbone, and John Jablowski in favor, George Planchock abstains. Motion carries.

b. David Carbone motions to appoint John Holahan as Vice Chair. John Kerrick seconds. George Planchock, John Kerrick, David Carbone, and John Jablowski in favor, John Holahan opposed. Motions carries.

c. John Kerrick motions to appoint John Jablowski as Secretary. John Holahan and David Carbone both second the motion. George Planchock, John Holahan, John Kerrick, and David Carbone in favor, John Jablowski abstains. Motion carries

d. The Commission reviews the Meeting Schedule for 2019. John Holahan motions to approve the schedule. David Carbone asks if that's enough meetings for the year. John Holahan states that more can be added if necessary. John Kerrick seconds the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

4. John Kerrick motions to approve the minutes of the November 20th 2018 Joint Board of Supervisors and Fire Commission Meeting. John Holahan seconds the motion. John Holahan, John Kerrick, George Planchock, and John Jablowski vote in favor. David Carbone abstains because he was not in attendance at the meeting. Motion carries.

5. FIRE COMMISSION REPORT:

- a. David Carbone discusses his meeting with John Jablowski in regards to the Annual Incentive Program (AIP) and possible Monthly Stipend Program for the Fire Company. The Commission directs the TTVFC Chief Troy Counterman to generate informational list from the fire company in regards to the AIP to allow the Board of Supervisors to begin a cost analysts and planning.

The Commission directs David Carbone and John Jablowski to reach out to other fire companies utilizing a monthly stipend program and collect information on how it is executed to bring back to the Commission for discussion. The Commission directs Ed Tutrone to work with Autumn Canfield to investigate workman's compensation and working status information when utilizing a monthly stipend program. The Commission wants to receive a copy of the sample resolution from New Britain/Bucks County's Incentive Program sent by Jonathan Reiss to the Board of Supervisors.

- b. John Kerrick opens a discussion about Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Company. John Kerrick introduces the idea of researching and buying a new piece of property and building a new Fire/EMS station to service the Pocono Summit area. David Carbone agrees and states it could be operated under TTVFC. The Commission directs John Jablowski and the Township to research buying/building a new fire company station. John Holahan expresses concern about the equipment sitting idle at PSVFC. John Kerrick asks if Coolbaugh could get involved in the recovery of the equipment. John Jablowski states that an executive session could be set up with the Board of Supervisors from both townships along with the fire commissions to discuss possible litigation against PSVFC. David Carbone states that it might be worth seeking different legal representation in addressing the issues with PSVFC. John Jablowski states he will reach out to get advice on that request. John Holahan recommends reaching out to Coolbaugh Township in regards to working with them to possibly reclaim unused equipment and the building. He also recommends possibly presenting Coolbaugh Township with a multi-municipal agreement to operate in Pocono Summit instead of regionalizing the fire companies. The Commission directs John Holahan and David Carbone to meet with Coolbaugh Township Supervisors to discuss options moving forward with PSVFC.
- c. Anne Lamberton recommends adding meetings to the schedule to address all the current issues. The Commission agrees to meet monthly. John Holahan reviews the additional dates with the Commission. He motions to add dates. David Carbone seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

- d. John Kerrick restates responsibilities moving forward for the Commission, Board of Supervisors, Township, and Fire Company. The Commission reviews all tasks and directives.

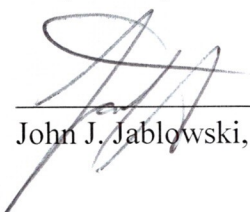
6. Public Comment – none.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:19PM.

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Minutes recorded by Crystal Butler

Respectfully submitted:



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John J. Jablowski, Jr., Secretary