

The Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District No. 1

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 9, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of The Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, in the Township of South Brunswick, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Olson, Orchard, Rosenberg and Tarnowski

Members absent: Commissioner Paulus

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address From The Public: none

Approval of January Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Rosenberg stated that on Page 4, under "Adoption of 2009 Budget" the Total Revenue dollars should be \$942,900. Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez presented that monthly statistics as follows:

2008 Total Events – 312: Total Man Hours – 4850.5: Average Man Hours – 11.9

2008 Total Emergency Responses – 226: Total Man Hours – 2100.5: Total Average Man Hours – 10.9

2008 Total Duty Assignments – 57: Total Man Hours – 1751

2008 Total Training – 28: Total Man Hours – 969

January 2009 Total Calls – 25: Total Man Hours – 264.25: Total Average Man Hours – 10.57

The Chief also reported the following:

1. Two members will begin Firefighter One Training on January 2nd
2. Chiefs Association met last month and outlined the following goals for 2009:
 - a. Three Fire Companies will work closer together.
 - b. There will be four joint drill training sessions.
 - c. Completion of the 3 District Standard Operating Procedures will be by 9/09.
3. Brian Spahr will attend the Joint Board meeting for the Chiefs
4. The County Chiefs Meeting is this weekend.

President – Two members are still out on medical leave and the Vice President is on a requested leave of absence.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Rosenberg presented his report (file copy attached). He reported that the check is ready for the two Chiefs vehicles, when they are delivered. He noted that there is approximately a \$75K surplus.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Corris presented his report and highlighted the following:

1. Progress is being made on the inventory and noted that wall mounts are still needed for the sledgehammers.
2. The Training Trailer is still at Station 23. Also, the water problem was identified and repaired. Finally, Vermitox has addressed and corrected the mouse problem.
3. Engine 221 will have the pump packing adjusted and 227 will go in for its 20K mile check-up and oil change. All other apparatus is in service.
4. Work continues on hydrant locations and run books.
5. NFIRS reports have been completed for 2008; 2006 input will begin soon and 2009 is being worked on.
6. Waterway has signed the contract for hose testing, which will take place in April. This will also include ladder testing.
7. All election information has been taken care of, except for the hiring of two poll clerks. This will be taken care of shortly.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard reported the following:

1. LOSAP will be sent in this week.
2. A meeting will be held with the Department of Health on the EMS Bill.
3. Mr. Potts and others met with Assemblywoman Lampet regarding the proposed 5-year plan. He came away with positive feedback for the Districts regarding shared services, proposed amendments for future District budgets and election timelines. This will be discussed at the 3/7 Joint Board meeting.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – no report

Rescue Squad Liaison – no report

Public Relations – The next newsletter is scheduled for Spring but the question remains who will be responsible for it.

State Association – The next meeting will be 3/7, with an open agenda. Yearly dues of \$300 will be collected.

Joint Board – The next meeting will be on 2/18.

Insurance – Mr. Olson reported that the Life Insurance rate quoted at last month's meeting is a quarterly rate. He stated that Cigna will cut the life insurance payout in half at age 70. Another carrier, Harleyville Insurance, has better rates but reduces the payout at ages 65, 70, 75 and up. He is waiting for another quote from Specialty Services and suggested to the Board that they consider going with another carrier, as Cigna has been very difficult to work with. Mr. Orchard stated that he'd like to settle this issue tonight and the Board discussed options. Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to remit a check to Cigna, accepting their \$25K quote, with the understanding that if another carrier can provide a better rate, the Board will cancel Cigna and go with the new carrier. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tarnowski and passed by the Board.

Station 23 - Mr. Corris stated that Rescue Squad housekeeping is still an issue, however, the Squad did clear the sidewalks after the last snow.

Unfinished Business:

Physicals – in the process.

Chief Vehicles – Mr. Rosenberg reported that the vehicles have been lettered. The Chief stated that he has been trying to get a completion date of 2/14, to no avail. He will continue to try to contact the vendor.

Rescue Truck – There has been very little progress on this issue.

New Business: none

Voucher List: Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the Voucher List as presented and Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.
NOTE: the recorder was not turned on.

Address From The Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Olson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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