

The Board of Fire Coordinators

Fire District No. 1

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 14, 2009

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

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Behrend, Tarnowski, Olson, Rosenberg and Orchard

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: No insurance representative was present for a presentation.

Address From the Public: none

Approval of August Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Reports:

Line Activities – Asst. Chief Murnieks reported that for the month of August there were 19 events which included 6 training and maintenance; for an average of 10.2 firefighters per call. He also reported that the Rescue Vehicle Committee is making progress, which will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

President – there was no report.

Treasurer - Mr. Rosenberg presented his report (file copy attached). The reported the following:

- The existing computer system is not working and he suggested a new system, including a new server. The Commissioners discussed whether it really is a hardware vs. a software issue. Other accounting software, other than Peachtree Accounting, is available. It was decided to have Mr. Corris contact Data Doctors to make an assessment of the problem: hardware or software.
- The Open House expenses will go over budget by about \$1200, which can be adjusted with other accounts.

- The budgeting process will begin next month.

Secretary – no report.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Corris presented his report (file copy attached). Highlights included:

- A calibration kit has been purchased and training for all members can be arranged.
- There was a lighting strike on 8/18. There were a number of areas affected, including the emergency generator, telephones and fire panel. Repairs have been made but there are still some to go. Insurance claims will be submitted by Mr. Orchard.
- Truck 223 will have to nozzle replaced and then certified.
- Mr. Corris will attend the convention this weekend in Wildwood.
- Truck 230 was given to the Township Public Works Department for \$1.00.
- No change in Pre-Plans.
- NFIRS ongoing process.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard thanked the two Chiefs and Mr. Choffi for responding to the 8/18 lighting strike at the Firehouse.

Standing Committee Reports -

Fire Company Liaison – no report.

Rescue Squad – Mr. Rosenberg reported that Mr. Weis had contacted him to attend a meeting as to what needs to be added to a vehicle to make it a rehab vehicle. He referred this request to the Company's Operation Chief. He will attend the meeting to get answers to some questions he has. Chief Perez presented a background on this situation.

Public Relations – The Newsletter is being worked on, however, there is still some room available. One additional item to be included will be a new State law that states people must yield to emergency vehicles. Also, the Open House is scheduled for 10/10. The Chief stated that this and other Township events may be cancelled if there is an outbreak of the Swine Flu.

State Association - The next meeting will be held in Wildwood on 9/18. Mr. Rosenberg will attend.

Joint Board – It was reported that there is a concern for firefighters regarding solar panels. These are “live” and there is no “shut-off” for the direct current. Obviously this is very dangerous situation for firefighters.

Insurance – Another quote will be provided and distributed prior to next month's meeting. Mr. Orchard noted that a decision must be made before November 1st.

Station 23 – previously discussed.

Unfinished Business:

Rescue Truck – Asst. Chief Murnieks reported that a number of meetings have been held and the spec is in the process. Work needs to be done to reduce the estimated cost, in order to outfit the vehicle.

New Business:

Resolution 09/10-12 – Authorizing Disposal of Personnel Property, was read. It was moved by Mr. Rosenberg and seconded by Mr. Tarnowski. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes; Mr. Behrend-yes; Mr. Rosenberg-yes and Mr. Orchard-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

Voucher List: The Commissioners reviewed the List, then Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve it as presented and Mr. Behrend seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss management issues. They came out at 8:40 p.m.

Address From The Public: It was noted that there is a suggestion to bring the Fire Prevention Bureau under the three districts. Chief Perez stated that this is a situation that needs to be fully addressed. He noted that there are a number of ramifications to such a move, including how it would affect volunteer firefighter morale.

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rosenberg seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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