

The Board of Fire Commissioners
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting

October 13, 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 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: There would be no insurance presentation this evening. Mr. Orchard requested that the Voucher List be moved up to follow the Treasurer's Report.

Address From the Public: none

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

Reports:

Line Activities and President's Report – neither the Chief nor the President were present.

Treasurer – Mr. Rosenberg presented the report (file copy attached) and reviewed the 2010 Budget timeline. The Commissioners reviewed the Voucher List, after which Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the List and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary - none

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Corris presented his report (file copy attached). One addition was that bottles are being sent out for testing at a cost of \$35/bottle. Depending upon the number of bottles that get tested, the total cost should be around \$1,500. Mr. Corris requested that the Board approve his attendance at the League of Municipalities Conference from 11/17-20 in Atlantic City. Seminars of particular interest will be on grant writing and consolidation. The Commissioners approved the request.

Chairman – no report.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – no report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – no report.

Public Relations – The Open House went well and about 300-400 people attended. Mr. Rosenberg commended the Ladies Auxiliary on the scavenger hunt; it was a big hit.

The Newsletter was mailed out. Mr. Orchard commented on the nice job Mr. Corris and Mr. Behrend did. He noted that article on Mr. MacCarthy (file copy attached) was very nice.

State Association – Mr. Rosenberg reported that Mr. Harry Carter was re-elected President. Also, there was a brief talk by Christie Hartnet the new head of the DCA for budget purposes. She provided Mr. Rosenberg with a copy of the 2010 Budget timeline. She noted that the Board is still subject to the 4% cap. The next meeting will be held in December at Mon. Jct. Firehouse.

Joint Board – The next meeting will be on November 18th and all Commissioners are urged to attend.

Insurance – Mr. Orchard reported that the insurance company has agreed to pay the claim due to the lighting strike. He stated that he had investigated JIF, which is a workman's comp insurance. Based on his findings, it is not a good system.

Station 23 – previously discussed.

Unfinished Business: The issue of the Rescue Truck will be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Rosenberg noted that the Chief had indicated to him that the cost would be about \$700K.

New Business: the 2010 Budget will be discussed after the Executive Session.

Voucher List: previously approved.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss various firematic issues. They came out at 8:20 p.m.

Address From the Public: Mr. Scott Weiss from the Rescue Squad addressed the Board, stating they are looking for funds to equip their Rehab Truck. He stated that the truck would cover all of South Brunswick Township and a portion of Franklin Township. It was noted that Kingston has not taken advantage of Rehab. Mr. Weiss will provide the equipment and associated costs at next month's meeting. The Rescue Squad hopes to meet with the Fire Company's to get their input as to what they would like.

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, therefore, Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Behrend seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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