

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 7, 2010

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 7:00 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Tarnowski, Behrend, Rosenberg and Orchard

Members absent: Commissioner Olson

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of Minutes

March 3rd Reorganization Meeting – Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Behrend seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

March 3rd Regular Meeting – Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported that March was a busy month, due in large part, to the Nor'easter that occurred. He noted that the Company did a great job and there was a lot of participation. Highlights presented:

- Statistics (file copy attached) were:
 - March – 44 emergency responses, 4 training exercises and 2 work events.
 - YTD – 89 emergency events and 73 total calls.
- Physicals have begun again; 6 have been assigned to go and 6 after that.
- The Mapping Software was used at a large brush fire. It worked out well and the Chief noted that there was support from a number of fire companies and the State fire service.

President – A list of members no longer on the Fire Company was presented to Mr. Orchard, as it relates to LOSAP. The Board briefly discussed the pay-outs for those listed.

Treasurer - Mr. Rosenberg presented the Report and the Voucher List (file copy attached). He stated that the pay off for Truck 221 will require three payments, not two as previously thought. He will check with Mr. Ezyske to see if a double payment can be made this year, then a cash infusion next year.

The Audit has been completed and seems to be OK.

After the Commissioners reviewed the vouchers, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the List as presented and Mr. Behrend seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary - no report.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Corris presented his report (file copy attached). Under New Technologies and Equipment, he detailed how GovDeals will work for the auctioning of the trailer. The Board agreed to have Mr. Corris begin the process. A hold harmless letter will be required to let the dry-chem extinguishers go Absolute.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard reported that he had sent a letter to the Township Administrator regarding the fire inspection issue. The only response received was that Mr. Watkins would be out with shoulder surgery but would like to meet with Chairman Orchard and Chief Perez upon his return.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire Company Liaison – Mr. Behrend had nothing to report but he did request that the Chief make sure that incident reports are completed for every call and signed by the person initiating the report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – It was reported that the Rehab Truck did not respond to the brush fire, as it is still missing some pieces. The Chief reported that the SOG for the Rehab Truck will be reviewed.

Public Relations – Mr. Behrend reported that the Spring Newsletter was mailed out and he will begin thinking about topics for the Winter Newsletter.

State Association – Mr. Behrend he had received, from Roger Potts, District 2's original inter-local service agreement with the municipality. The copy will be on file in the office. He urged the Commissioners to review it. In addition, Mr. Behrend stated that there was a ISO Presentation which highlighted that changes are being made to rating evaluations for communities. This is available on-line from ISO.

The next meeting will be in June.

Joint Board – The next meeting will be April 21st; all Commissioners will try to attend.

Insurance – Mr.Orchard stated that he had received a favorable quote to increase the life insurance to \$35K. The bill will be forthcoming, at which time a final decision will be made. Mr. Orchard noted that at age 70, the benefit amount would decrease by one half. The Board agreed to add Commissioners Olson and Tarnowski on the policy. Finally, LOSAP is completed.

Station 23 – Mr.Corris reported that one of the white pines was blown over and should be taken out. The Board agreed and did not want it to be replaced.

Mr. Rosenberg stated that there are now tables upstairs and it might be feasible to use the space for lecture drills.

Unfinished Business:

Rescue Truck – nothing to report.

Rehab Truck – already discussed.

Truck 224 – already discussed.

New Business:

GovDeals for trailer and extinguishers – already discussed.

Executive Session: none

Address From the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Behrend made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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