

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 4, 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 by Chairman William Orchard at 7:05 p.m., in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

**Roll Call:**

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

Members absent: Commissioner Olson

**Flag Salute:** completed

**Agenda Changes:** A resolution to Dispose of the Hose, was added under New Business.

**Address From the Public:** none

**Approval of July Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

Line Activities – Chief Perez was not present to give his report.

President – The President also was not present.

Treasurer's Report and Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg presented his report (file copy attached). He reported that everything is going well and there are no issues to bring forward at this time. As there were no additional comments from the Commissioners, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the Voucher List as presented and Mr. Orchard seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Secretary – Mr. Olson was not present.

Fire Coordinator - Mr. Corris presented his report (file copy attached). The Board briefly discussed the cost of the new steps for Truck 221. Mr. Orchard requested a breakdown of the Preventative Maintenance, Parts and Labor; Mr. Corris will look into this. In addition, he will investigate whether he is a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard had nothing to discuss at this time.

Standing Committee Reports:

*Fire Company Liaison* – no report.

*Rescue Squad Liaison* – no report.

*Public Relations* – Mr. Behrend reported that work is being done on the Fall/Winter Newsletter. The dates for the Open House (10/9?) and Santacade (12/?) need to be determined and included in the Newsletter.

*State Association* – Mr. Rosenberg will attend the September, which will be held in Wildwood.

*Joint Board* - Mr. Orchard will contact Mr. Watkins to see if he can attend a County meeting on Fire Prevention. The next District Joint Board meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Insurance* – Mr. Orchard had nothing to discuss.

**Unfinished Business:**

Rescue Truck – Mr. Rosenberg reported that the Committee had a meeting with Absolute Fire Protection and will have another one with Pierce. He noted that Mr. Corris was very helpful during the meeting.

Truck 224/GovDeals - Mr. Corris reported that the auction is set to start on 8/6 at 9 a.m. and run to 9 p.m. on 9/3. The opening bid will be \$500, with increments set at \$100. The reserve will be \$25K. Mr. Corris indicated that the Board must decide on how to handle the equipment that is on the truck, particularly if another fire company purchases it. They decided to keep the lights and hose with the truck. All other items (chain saw, axes and holders, rakes, shovels and hand tools) will stay with Kendall Park Fire Company. Mr. Corris noted that the lettering is already off. Should the Commissioner wish to check the auction progress, they can log on to Gov/Deals.com and look under fire trucks.

Travel to Fire Academy – Mr. Rosenberg stated that he had discussed the issue of using the pickup truck to attend training at the Fire Academy. Chief Perez would like to treat the subject on a case-by-case basis, with the Chief taking responsibility for checking on gas prices at the time the truck is needed. Mr. Behrend stated that potential firefighters should be informed that they may need to provide their own transportation. The Board agreed with the recommendations discussed.

**New Business:**

Resolution 10/11-14: Authorizing Personal Property-Hoses was read (file copy attached) and a roll call vote taken: Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Behrend-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes; Mr. Rosenberg-yes and Mr. Olson was absent. The resolution was approved.

Mr. Corris requested that the Board approve his attendance at the League of Municipalities in November at a registration cost of \$50, plus meals and gas. There would be no room charge.

He noted he would be attending a number of seminars and classes.

Mr. Corris also requested that the Board approve his vacation from 8/23-8/30. The Commissioners agreed to both requests.

**Executive Session:** none

**Address From The Public:** none

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Behrend seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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