

The Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District No. 1

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 17, 2011

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 6:30 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. NOTE: The recorder malfunctioned; minutes are from written notes taken by Administrative Asst.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address From the Public: none

Approval of June Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the minutes and presented and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, with Mr. Behrend abstaining.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Monthly Stats: 23 total events; 3 work nights and 1 training drills (file copy attached).
- Year-to-date: 129 total events; 19 work nights and 14 drills (file copy attached)
- With the passing of Tim Corris, the Company has been trying to process the loss, as well as providing support for his family
- The New Road building was completed o 8/12/11
- As related at a previous meeting, it was reported that POSHA had cited the Fire Company in the areas of fitness testing and the posting of OSHA log. These have been addressed and a re-inspection should have a positive outcome.
- The Ladder Truck is out of service this week and will be tested tomorrow.

- The pickup truck is at Princeton Garage to determine the reason the “check engine light” came on. The cost may end up in the \$900-\$1,000 range.
- The Assistant Chief’s vehicle had warranty work done on it.

President – The Fire Company President reported that two new potential members (one a realtor and the other ex-military) are in the process of having background checks done.

The Commissioners were thanked for allowing the Company to use Station 23 for meetings and noted that he will make sure that everything is put back in an orderly fashion.

****Address From the Public** - Pastor Michael Brown of Kendall Park Baptist Church arrived and Mr. Orchard allowed him to speak at this time. The Pastor offered a invitation to the Board and Fire Company to attend a 9/11 Tribute, including a luncheon to honor local firefighters, rescue squad and police members. This “Appreciation Day” is a way of thanking emergency personnel for the jobs they do.

Treasurer’s Report & Approval of Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg reviewed the report and the Voucher List with the Commissioners (file copy attached). Mr. Behrend made a motion to approve the List as presented and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary - Mr. Olson stated that the Township needs a copy of the resolution authorizing retro pay for Mr. Corris; Mr. Rosenberg will obtain it from the files at Station 23. In regards to LOSAP, Mrs. Corris has decided to let it remain.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Orchard reported the following:

1. He will contact Mid-State regarding the sprinkler heads issue.
2. He will replace the missing ceiling tiles.
3. Annual test results need to be made available.
4. The “on-site log” needs to be located.
5. The “triangle sign” indicating a truss roof must be put on the building.

Chairman – no report.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – Mr. Behrend congratulated the Fire Company on the fine job they did with the construction of the new Station 22.

Rescue Squad Liaison – Mr. Rosenberg stated that Ray Weiss had approached him about obtaining ice from Station 23. There was a brief discussion of pros and cons. It was decided the Fire Company President will address this issue.

Public Relations - Mr. Behrend that he is working on the upcoming Newsletter and any items members want included should be received as soon as possible. Topics under consideration include the October Open House, use of C/O alarms and fire detectors. Mr. Behrend asked everyone to help him with a special “Remembrance for Tim Corris”. Chief Perez stated that a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Station 22 is scheduled for the Open House.

State Association – the next meeting will be held at the Wildwood Convention in September.

Joint Board – The discussion continued about the relevance of the Board. Mr. Orchard stated that based on past meetings, the Joint Board has no value and no teeth; Mr. Behrend agreed. It was noted that it will require an ordinance to disband the Joint Board. Mr. Rosenberg stated that Mr. Laird indicated he would continue to provide fire reports and indicated that he or someone from the Fire Prevention Bureau might attend the Board of Fire Commissioners meetings. All the Commissioners agreed that it would be a good idea to have Alan Laird attend on a quarterly basis. Mr. Rosenberg will discuss this suggestion with Mr. Laird and see if he will attend the September meeting. Chief Perez stated that any such agreement should be put in writing. It was noted that a posting has been made for another fire inspector.

Insurance – Mr. Orchard stated everything is up-to-date.

Unfinished Business: The Rescue Truck will be delivered either the end of October or early November.

New Business: Mr. Rosenberg read Resolution 11/12-24: Establishing Commissioner Compensation (file copy attached). Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the Resolution and Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Tarnowski-yes; Mr. Behrend-yes; Mr. Olson-yes, Mr. Rosenberg-yes and Mr. Orchard-yes. The Resolution passed unanimously.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss firematic issues; they came out at 7:57 p.m.

Address From the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

