

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 18, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of The Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No.1, Township of South Brunswick was called to order 6:30 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: none

Address from the Public: none

Report from Mr. Alan Laird: not present

Approval of 12/21 Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed, with Mr. Orchard abstaining, as he was not present at the meeting.

Reports:

Line Activities – Mr. Perez reported the following statistics (file copies attached):

- 2011: 316 events of which 252 were emergency calls and 4592 man-hours.
- January has had 16 calls to date which included a number of carbon monoxide calls.

President – Mr. Dylan Corris reported the following:

- Currently there are 22 active, 3 provisional and 3 junior firefighters. Two members resigned in December.
- Fire Company members have updated their Life Insurance Beneficiary Cards.
- He is working through the Fire Company's files and organizing them.

Secretary - Mr. Olson had nothing to report.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Perez presented his report (file copy attached).

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg presented his report (file copy attached). He reported that a resolution would need to be passed this evening, so that bills could be paid. Therefore, Mr. Rosenberg read Resolution 12/13-2: Adoption of Temporary Budget for 2012 (file copy attached). Mr. Behrend moved the resolution and Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes; Mr. Behrend-yes and Mr. Rosenberg-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

Mr. Rosenberg reported that Mr. Braslow had provided info on new legislation that allows a fire district to amend its budget, after adoption. In other approved legislation, districts are required to have a web site which must include the District's budget and Commissioners' names and a brief background on them. In addition, monthly agendas, minutes and Treasurer's Reports must be posted. Mr. Perez and Mr. Choffi (web site coordinator) will work on putting these items up by the April deadline.

Mr. Rosenberg also reported the following:

- For the year 2011, a total of \$842K was spent.
- This month's major bill was the Rescue Truck payment, which is due Feb. 11th.
- Financial Disclosure Forms must be filed with the Township as soon as possible.

As there were no questions about the Voucher List, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve it and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Chairman - Mr. Orchard thanked Mr. Tarnowski and the other Commissioners for handling last month's meeting, in his absence.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Truck Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – Mr. Behrend reported that work has begun on the Spring Newsletter. Items being considered for inclusion are the newly elected fire officers, 2012 Budget and dryer safety. The Newsletter will also contain a picture of the new Rescue Truck. Mr. Behrend congratulated Dylan Corris on his election as President of the Fire Company.

State Association – Mr. Rosenberg stated that the next meeting will be in March.

Joint Board – Mr. Perez stated a resolution dissolving the Joint Board was put forward to the Township Committee.

Insurance – Mr. Orchard reported that Cigna Insurance is trying to increase the District's life insurance premium by over 200%. The District's agent has contacted Cigna but no response has been received. The Commissioners agreed that other companies should be investigated.

Unfinished Business:

Rescue Truck – Mr. Rosenberg stated that there does not seem to be any reason to be concerned of a cost over-run.

2012 Election – Mr. Perez stated that everything is in order and ready to go. Mr. Rosenberg stated his Mother would work as a poll worker. Mr. Olson will also provide a poll worker.

New Business: none

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: Mr. Charlie Holmes a Commissioner from District 3 was present. He stated that his district would like to have a better working relationship with District 1. He noted that both their Chief and Chief Perez work well together, as well as their Fire Coordinators.

He stated that he is happy that the Joint Board has been dissolved; however, he feels there is a need for some sort Board that would include two members from each district, a member of the Township Committee, the Township Manager and a representative from the Police. Such a Board would insure that all members are informed of what others are doing. At this point, such a Board is probably not going to happen, however, Mr. Holmes would like to see both Kingston and Kendall Park districts having a running dialog as to what each is doing and/or thinking of.

Mr. Holmes stated that the County is interesting in doing inspections in certain areas and also, only certain types of inspections. Mr. Orchard he has had conversations with the County about it taking over inspections and they were interested. The Commissioners discussed the issue of the inspections; which are getting done and which aren't. They also discussed the benefits of a district having its own inspector, which Kingston deems very beneficial.

Mr. Holmes said he can be contacted anytime for any type of assistance. All the Commissioners agreed it will be beneficial to have a closer working relationship. Mr. Behrend stated he will be looking into the issues brought forward this evening and he thanked Mr. Holmes for coming to this evening's meeting, as did the other Commissioners.

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 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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