

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 15, 2012

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 6:34 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:** no public present.

**Report from Mr. Alan Laird:** Mr. Orchard reported that Mr. Laird was involved in a traffic accident and will not return to work until cleared by a doctor.

**Approval of Minutes:** January 11<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and January 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting:

Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approval given for both sets of minutes.

**Reports:**

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- The 2011LOSAP Results (file copy attached) were presented. He noted that 24 members qualified for LOSAP. Payment will be made in April.
- Statistics for the month: 23 fire calls; the majority of them were Chiefs' calls for carbon monoxide alarms. A number of them were caused by aging alarms. An article will be included in the upcoming Newsletter to change carbon monoxide alarms every 7 years. It was also noted that there were 3 drills and 1 work detail/training.

President – Mr. Corris reported that there are currently 22 firefighters, 3 probationary, 4 junior and 4 administrative members. Two prospective members have completed applications. In addition Life Member Bernie Polansky passed away.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg presented the report (file copy needed). He noted that it was a light month for bills. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the List as presented and Mr. Behrend seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Olson reported that the annual Budget election is Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rosenberg reported that he had been contacted by the South Brunswick Post and the South Brunswick Patch about the 2012 Budget. There were no unusual questions.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Perez presented the report (file copy attached). He reported that the Web Site for the Fire District is in the process of being redesigned and will include all the requirements dictated by the State. It should be completed in the next two/three months.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard commended the Fire Company in their support for one of its members, who participated in a charity run, in his gear.

Mr. Orchard opened the floor to discussion about returning the regular meeting night back to the second Monday at 6:30. This move would allow the Chairman, Chief and President more flexibility in other Fire Company meetings. Mr. Rosenberg stated that there should be no problem with bill payments. The change will begin in April.

Standing Committee Reports –

*Fire Company Liaison/Public Relations* - Mr. Behrend stated that the names and positions of all the Line and Administrative Officers will be included in the upcoming Newsletter. In addition, District Officers will be included once the reorganization takes place. As previously discussed, an article will be included about the 7-year life of c/o alarms, as well as info on dryer fires, per a Liberty Mutual article.

*Rescue Squad Liaison* – Mr. Tarnowski had nothing to report.

*State Association* – Mr. Rosenberg stated that the next meeting will be the first Saturday in March. He will e-mail the Commissioners with the location.

*Joint Board* – Mr. Rosenberg stated that the Joint Board has been dissolved. This topic will begin from future agendas.

*Insurance* – Mr. Orchard reported that the Bollinger Agency is working to get the premiums requested by Cigna, reduced. Mr. Orchard noted that a death benefit claim is in the process for Bernie Polansky.

**Unfinished Business: Rescue Truck** – previously discussed.

**New Business:** Mr. Olson thanked the District for the fruit basket and Mr. Orchard stated that the Board was very sorry for his loss.

**Address From the Public:** no public present.

**Executive Session:** The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 7 p.m. to discuss firematic issues.

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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