

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 14, 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 by Chairman William Orchard, at 6:30 p.m., in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Commissioners Olson, Orchard and Tarnowski

Members absent: Commissioners Behrend and Rosenberg

**Flag Salute:** completed

**Agenda Changes:** none

**Address from the Public:** Mr. Lance Eisen from the Kendall Park First Aid Squad addressed the Board. He stated that the Squad is switching to a new computer system for their ambulances, which requires “notebooks” for their vehicles, in order to run the software. Franklin Park has already donated three and the Squad would like District 1 to consider donating the last one. In addition, they may want to upgrade their Responder and Rehab vehicles, sometime in the future and would the District consider more assistance at that time. Mr. Eisen presented a detailed request to Mr. Perez. It was noted that the cost is about \$4K each.

Mr. Orchard stated that he would need to discuss this issue with Treasurer Rosenberg to see if funds would be available. The Board agreed to pursue granting this request.

**Approval of April Regular Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

**Reports:**

Line Activities – Chief Perez presented the following report:

- Officers from the Company attended the Fire Department Instructor’s Conference in Indianapolis last month. He thanked the Board for allowing the group to go to this very positive experience.
- The Fire Company is instituting a new Social Media Policy, which will cover the legality of posting photos and comments on sites such as Facebook. The Policy will be implemented on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Braslow has reviewed it and determined that there were

no First Amendment issues. The Policy's main point is anything that gets posted must be reviewed by the Chief and the Company President (file copy attached).

- The Fire Company joined with Plainsboro Department at a drill at the new Princeton Medical Center.
- The Rescue Truck had a slight mechanical problem, which has been repaired and the Truck is up and running.
- Statistics for April: 18 calls, 2 drills, and 2 work details. Year-to-date: 78 fire calls.

President's Report – Mr. Corris reported that an ex-member (left for schooling) has returned as a probationary member. Otherwise, all is well.

Treasurer/Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg was not present to explain the Treasurer's Report (file copy attached). Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the Voucher List and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary's Report – nothing to report.

Fire Coordinator's Report – Mr. Perez presented the following:

- Station 23 bay doors were not mounted correctly and need to be replaced; an estimate is forthcoming.
- There is a problem with the Vehicle Exhaust System on the Rescue Squad's side. This will be monitored the next few days.
- A micro switch on one of the vehicle ladder racks will be replaced.
- Mr. Perez met with ISO, who survey the area for the District's ratable costs. Everything went well. Future ratings will be as a District, not a Township. This could improve the rating.
- There was an accident at Station 23 which affected some lights and a tree. The tree has been removed; an insurance estimate is pending for the lights.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Orchard had nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports –

*Fire Company Liaison* – no report.

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

*Public Relations* – no report.

*State Association* – no report.

*Insurance* – Mr. Orchard reported that everything is fine.

**Unfinished Business: Rescue Truck** – The Truck is in operation; this item will be removed from the agenda.

**New Business:** Resolution 12/13-13; Annual Audit, was read into the record by the Administrative Assistant (file copy attached). Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the Audit information as presented (file copy attached) and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes and Mr. Olson-yes; Messrs. Behrend and Rosenberg were absent. The resolution was passed.

**Executive Session:** none

**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. A vote was taken and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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