

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 11, 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 Behrend, Olson, Orchard, Rosenberg and Tarnowski

Members absent: none

**Flag Salute:** completed

**Agenda Changes:** none

**Address From the Public:** none

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

**Reports:**

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Stats: 3 structure fires, 2 training sessions and 2 work details. YTD – 95 fire calls. (file copy attached).
- One firefighter broke his foot and will be out 6-8 weeks.
- Social Media Policy went into effect on June 1<sup>st</sup> (file copy with last month's meeting minutes).
- A Fire Marshall was hired in January and is doing a good job and is attentive to the needs of Fire District No. 1

President – Except for the injury at the fire scene, all is well with the company, per President Corris.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg presented his report (file copy attached). He reported that the \$40K check for the Township has not been cut. Mr. Perez will check with the Township on the status and report back to the Board. Mr. Rosenberg stated that the account in Bank of America will be closed and the monies moved to Wells Fargo. Also, he noted that the Group Life Insurance account is way over budget and will need to be addressed later in the year. He stated that eliminating one of the Newsletter mailings will help the situation.

Mr. Olson questioned the status of the Rescue Squad's request for monies for new computers. Mr. Rosenberg stated that there are three options:

1. The Board purchases three computers and takes the money out of the Equipment Line Item (Chief Perez needs to agree to this).
2. The Board purchase only one computer (already agreed upon).
3. The Board purchase the one computer and then give them their \$5K stipend now, not at the end of the year. Mr. Perez stated the Squad had expressed concern that their stipend would be affected. He noted that purchase of computers and the stipend are really two different issues.

The Commissioners agreed to purchase one computer and re-visit the issue later in the year.

Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to spend \$4,280 for the computer and \$2,020 for the software and mounting brackets; Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the Voucher List as presented and Mr. Behrend seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary – Mr. Olson had nothing to report.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Perez reported the following:

1. Truck 221's ladder rack was replaced; the A/C belt and fan belt on the Rescue Truck was replaced (under warranty); and the Ladder Truck has a nozzle problem, which will require replacement of the module.
2. The election was held last week at Station 23; Mr. Tarnowski was thanked for closing up at 8 p.m. Prior to the election, he and three kids from Senior Society cleaned the building. The Ladies Room sink's battery went and had to be replaced by Mr. Perez, the day of the election.
3. The Dumpster gate is broken; Mr. Perez will monitor the situation and Mr. Orchard will check it out also.

4. The Ladder and Hose Testing was completed last week. 6 pieces of 1 ¾" failed, as well as, 2 pieces of 5". Also, the 2 ladders on the pumpers failed and need to be replaced within 90 days. They can still be used until replaced. In addition, more hose will be ordered.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard stated that District No. 1 was the first company on the scene of the Whispering Woods fire and did very well and followed that up with attending a drill later in the day. He commended the Fire Company on the job they are doing.

Standing Committee Reports –

*Fire Company Liaison* – Mr. Behrend reported that at last month's meeting, he informed the membership of his intention to move to Florida. He told the Commissioners he would be willing to step aside, if it would help the Board. Mr. Orchard stated that the Board play the situation by ear.

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

*Public Relations* – Mr. Behrend presented a proposed outline for the Fall Newsletter. Topics to be covered will include a picture of the new Rescue Truck, the 2012 Line Officers, Open House, Santacade, and fire safety tips. Memoriums for Bernie Polansky and Tom Dardani may also be included.

*State Association* – there was no information on last month's meeting. Mr. Rosenberg will attend the September meeting in Wildwood.

*Insurance* – everything is OK, per Mr. Perez.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Executive Session:** The Board went into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. and came out at 7 p.m. The purpose was to discuss a personnel issue.

**Address From the Public:** none

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Behrend made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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