

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 13, 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 6:30 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

Approval of July Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Behrend seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez the following:

- Absolute will begin testing/maintenance of the trucks on 8/14 and take a few weeks to complete.
- Absolute is requesting the Board's approval for them to take the Rescue Truck down to the Wildwood Convention on September 14th and 15th. They will provide documentation that the apparatus will be covered under the Garage Keeper's insurance policy, while it is in their possession. Absolute will also be responsible for fueling the Truck and transporting it back and forth. The Chief has no problems with the request, therefore, the Commissioners agreed. It was noted that Mon. Jct. will be the back-up.
- EZPass for the trucks have been received; there was no cost as they are considered "non revenue". Should the trucks go out-of-state, there will be a toll charge.

- The County would like to know if the District and Fire Company, would be interested in housing and operating one of their two Foam Trailers. The Chief stated that the membership is interested in receiving the necessary training. There would be no cost, in fact, a tow fee would be paid back to the Board, as the Fire Company would tow it with their pick-up. The Chief stated that he felt it would be beneficial not only for Kendall Park, but all the neighboring fire companies. The Board agreed to allow this request to go through; Chief Perez will insure the necessary paperwork is completed and approved by Mr. Braslow.
- Truck 225 has run its course (25-30 yrs old) and it would take a lot of money to get it back to its full potential. The Chief requested the Board approve the liquidation of this piece of apparatus. As the motor is still good, he would like to investigate fire companies in the South, who could benefit from the truck. He noted that a replacement is not necessary. The Commissioners agreed to have the Chief pursue this action.
- Statistics will be forthcoming.

President – Mr. Corris stated that one member has resigned. He also stated that progress is being made on completion of the Station's interior equipment and decor. Finally, the Fire Company will purchase new T-Shirts for its members.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg stated that the Training & Education budget line item is over about \$285. He stated he would like to transfer \$5K from the Fire Marshall line item to T&E line item, come the November budgeting process. The Board agreed to this action. It was noted that Insurance is over but will also be addressed in November. As Mr. Rosenberg stated last month, it may be necessary to pay insurance premiums on a quarterly basis, come next year.

After the Commissioners reviewed the Voucher List, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve it as presented and Mr. Behrend seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary – nothing to report.

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

- The alarms were tested and the fire extinguishers serviced at Station 23. There is an inspection this coming week.
- Truck 225 had a ground wire issue, which was addressed.
- All meters were sent out and serviced. Calibrations have been completed.
- The light in the hallway at Station 23 was replaced.
- The Rescue Squad is not very tidy; however, there are no major issues.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard thanked everyone for filing in for him last month.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – Mr. Behrend reported that all the Newsletter material will be available before next month's meeting.

State Association - Mr. Rosenberg will attend the meeting in September at Wildwood. It was noted that Roger Potts is now the Vice President of the Association.

Insurance – Chief Perez reported that the insurance company has paid out \$850 for Mr. Friedline's claim.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Behrend thanked the President and the Fire Company membership on the honor bestowed upon Jim McIntire – Honorary Charter Member.

New Business: Mr. Behrend stated, in all likelihood, this will be his last meeting, as he and his wife are moving out of State. He will complete the Fall Newsletter. He thanked all the Commissioners and all the Board thanked him for his service.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 7 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. They came out at 7:15 p.m.

Address From the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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