

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 10, 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 and Tarnowski

Members absent: Commissioner Rosenberg

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address From the Public: none

Approval of August Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Olson noted that on Page 3, Mr. Friedline's name was misspelled. Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez presented the following:

- Statistics for the month of August and Year-to-Date were presented (file copy attached).
- Structure fire on 9/9; worked with District 2
- The Fireman's Convention will be held this coming weekend at Wildwood. 10 members will be attending (6 of which are firefighters and 4 are senior members). The Rescue Truck will also be there.
- There will be a membership drive at this year's Open House. It will be held on 10/6 from 1 to 4 p.m.

President's Report – Mr. Corris reported that Charter Member Tom McManimon passed away. There is a possibility for one new junior member. Finally, the Commissioners were presented with Fire Company T-shirts.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg was not present but Mr. Orchard noted that the budget process is coming up. The Commissioners reviewed the Voucher List, after which, 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 had nothing to report.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Perez presented the following:

1. A fire inspection was held at Station 23 and everything was fine. There also was a quarterly sprinkler test.
2. John Freidline is off of disability/workman's comp and is back to full duty.
3. There is a roof leak at Station 23 on the Rescue Squad's side. He is obtaining estimates for the repair work. There is minimal damage.
4. All vehicles were serviced this month and tested; no issues were found.
5. The Workman's Comp estimate is \$20,850; this is \$6K more than last year. This increase was due to the number of claims submitted, which put the District in the Assigned Risk category. Mr. Perez had contacted people regarding getting into JIF. He is awaiting some quotes. There may be a 10%-15% savings. Mr. Orchard stated that he feels it is necessary to go with JIF and not be at Liberty Mutual's mercy. The Workman's Comp bill is not due until 11/2.
6. He will be at the Wildwood Convention on Thursday and Friday; also out next Monday and Tuesday.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard reported that the Kendall Park Rescue Squad is having a renovation dedication on 9/19 at 7 p.m. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

Mr. Orchard read a Letter of Resignation from Mr. Dean Behrend (file copy attached). Mr. Orchard thanked Mr. Behrend for his service and noted he will be missed. Chief Perez thanked Mr. Behrend, on behalf of the Fire Company, for all his years of service, as well as being a founding member of the Company.

Standing Committee Reports :

Fire Company Liaison – Mr. Behrend had nothing to report.

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

Public Relations – Mr. Behrend reported that he had a rough draft of the Newsletter, which he must finalize by this coming Friday. He noted that articles to be included will be ways to avoid residential fires, the Open House, Fire Prevention Week and Santacade on 12/16.

State Association – The next meeting will be this coming weekend at the Convention; Mr. Rosenberg will attend.

Insurance – already discussed.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Executive Session: none

Address From the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Olson made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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