

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 12, 2013

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 6:35 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Josephson, Rosenberg, Tarnowski, Olson and Orchard

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 accept the July minutes as presented and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed with Mr. Olson abstaining.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez presented the following:

- Statistics: July – 24 calls, 2 drills, 2 work nights; YTD – 149 calls, 16 drills, 20 work nights.
- Participated in National Night Out with trucks and personnel; well attended by the community.
- A Fire Safety Demo was given at a day care center on Gateway Blvd, which was well received.
- The Foam Trailer was received and a training session was held, additional training is scheduled.

President – Mr. Corris reported the following:

1. Two members are still out on health leave but are doing well.
2. Membership interest continues to be received from the community.
3. The National Night Out activity went well.
4. The Fire Company is looking into a new security system for Station 22, which would allow tracking of individuals in the building.
5. All continues to go well with the Firehouse and the Company.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg distributed his report (file copy attached). He noted that all is in order and that insurance premiums and the bond payment will be large payments in the October/November timeframe. Mr. Olson questioned what services were included for the monthly payment of \$990. to Progressive Landscaping. Mr. Perez indicated that mulching, grass cutting, and trimming of trees were a regular part of the service; he will look into other companies next Spring. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the List as presented and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary's Report – nothing to report.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Perez presented the following report:

1. Hose testing was completed and there was some failure, which is not unusual, given the age of some of the hoses. New hose will be ordered.
2. The engine was donated to the Mercer County Fire Academy and they posted a thank you on their Facebook page.
3. As previously stated, the Foam Trailer arrived and the title changed to the District. Signs were made up with the Fire Company and District's names; these have been put on the trailer. The County Fire Marshall will provide a battery for the unit. It was noted that the trailer is in service but there will be more training on it.
4. Elections will be held tomorrow, August 13th at Station 23. All has been prepared and Mr. Tarnowski will close up.
5. The nozzle for the Ladder Truck will be repaired, as soon as the parts arrive.

Chairman – nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – The Commissioners decided to put the next Newsletter on the website, instead of a mailing. It was noted that everyone should start thinking of articles to be included.

State Association - Mr. Rosenberg will attend next month's meeting.

Insurance - everything is OK.

Unfinished Business:

Foam Trailer - already discussed.

Utility Truck Bid Award – Mr. Perez reported that he had reviewed the bids and also looked into the possibility of using a State Contract; however, the truck that was bid out is not available under State Contract. Mr. Perez recommended going with the lowest bidder – Absolute Fire Protection Company in the amount of \$106,136.00. Resolution 13/14-14: Authorizing Award of Contract Concerning Utility Vehicle Fire Apparatus Bid was read into the record (file copy attached). Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes and Mr. Rosenberg-yes. The resolution passed unanimously. Mr. Perez stated that delivery would be 45 days after Absolute receives the chassis, which will probably be close to the end of the year.

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 the meeting and Mr. Josephson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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