

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 13, 2014

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 Josephson, Olson, Orchard and Tarnowski

Members absent: Commissioner Rosenberg

**Flag Salute:** completed

**Agenda Changes:** none

**Address From the Public:** none

**Public Hearing on 2014 Budget:** Mr. Perez reported that the State approved the submitted budget, therefore, Resolution 14/15-1: 2014 Adopted Budget Resolution was read into the record (file copy attached). Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes and Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Rosenberg was absent. The 2014 Budget was adopted by the Board.

**Approval of 12/9/13 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Stats: 2013 totals: 235 Fire calls; 29 drills; 51 work details and 4,648 man-hours
- The IRS and Treasury ruled that volunteer firefighters will not have to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act.

President – Mr. Josephson was not in attendance, however, Vice President Eric Schmidt reported that Eddie Adamthrod is recovering in the hospital, after open-heart surgery. Also, there is one new prospective junior member scheduled to take his physical this month.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Mr. Perez read Resolution 14/15-2; Adoption of Temporary Budget for 2014, into the record (file copy attached). Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the resolution as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Rosenberg was absent. The resolution was approved.

Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the Voucher List as presented and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Mr. Perez reported that Mr. Rosenberg had authorized him to transfer \$160K from the Cash Management Fund to the checking account to cover the encumbrances for this month.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Olson had nothing to report.

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

1. Truck 221 has a stalling problem that is still be researched.
2. Minor repairs were made to the snow plow.
3. The financial audit is scheduled for March 5-7. He will start working on gathering the appropriate information.
4. The entry doors at Station 23 are experiencing quite a bit of paint peeling, which will have to be addressed when the weather warms up.
5. The snow blower has been repaired and is back in service.
6. The Brush Truck is going back to the dealer so they can do their acceptance process and then it will go to the company the truck is being purchased from. At that time, Mr. Perez will do an inspection of the paint and the body, after which, the lights will be added.
7. The inventory has been completed.

Chairman - nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports –

*Fire Company Liaison* – nothing to report.

*Rescue Squad Liaison* – nothing to report.

*Public Relations* – The website is up and the State was happy with it.

*State Association* - Mr.Orchard reported that Mr. Rosenberg attended the meeting, however, not much came out of it.

*Insurance* – All policies are paid up.

**Unfinished Business:** The Utility Truck was previously discussed.

**New Business:** The 2014 Budget was adopted earlier in the evening.

**Executive Session:** The Board went into Executive Session for a brief discussion.

**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 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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