

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 14, 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 6:34 p.m. by Vice Chairman Josephson, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Josephson, Olson, Rosenberg and Tarnowski

Members absent: Commissioner Orchard

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of March Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed to approve the March Reorganization and March Regular Meeting minutes.

Reports:

Line Activities – In the absence of Chief Perez, Deputy Chief Choffi presented the following report (file copy attached):

- Stats for the month of March: 24 total events; 19 fire calls, 3 drills and 2 maintenance nights for a total of 464.7 man-hours.
- Stats YTD: 76 total events; 60 fire calls; 6 drills and 10 maintenance nights for a total of 1,264 man-hours.
- There have been a number of mutual aid calls within the last couple of months, including the Edison Brush Fire and the Princeton Hospital explosion. There has been great participation and have consistently gotten great feedback from the Middlesex County Fire Coordinators on performance and presentation.
- A large live burn was held on April 5th, at which about 40 firefighters participated. It was held in Middletown and they trained in their Flashover Chamber and did 3 evolutions of

live burns their tower. Kendall Park took a lot the of its apparatus and it was a good event.

- The Chief and another member of the Company attended a week-long foam training seminar in Texas. They practiced live burn exercises and classroom work. Areas of foam training included refinery, shipboard and car fire foam operations. As there are a number of refineries in Middlesex County, the Fire Company will be getting more training. This training was paid by the County.
- The Brush Truck is moving along, however, there are a number of areas that need to be completed. It is scheduled to be lettered next week and then hopefully, it will be on-site within two weeks, for a final inspection by the Chief and Deputy Chief. Training will be held on its operation and also operation during a brush fire call.
- There was a fire call yesterday afternoon, at which, one firefighter suffered an ankle injury. He was transported to Princeton Hospital for x-rays and no break showed up. It was an arson fire and the investigation is still pending, however, two people were charged with third-degree arson.

President's Report – Mr. Josephson recapped some of the Deputy's report and noted that new training has been developed by the Training Committee. This Committee is made up of a cross-section of members and they have developed a number of training models, including a "competition" between groups within the Fire Company.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg presented the report (file copy attached) and noted that the LOSAP payment is included. Mr. Rosenberg noted that due to the length of time it has taken to get the Brush Truck, other vendors, not just Absolute, will be used in the future. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the List as presented and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary – Mr. Olson had nothing to report.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Rosenberg presented Mr. Perez's report as follows:

1. Quotes were received for landscaping at Station 23: Progressive (current vendor) came in at \$7900; Spilatore Co. at \$3390 and Alan Landscaping at \$3384. The decision was made to contract with Alan Landscaping for lawn mowing only.
2. Jack Burke, a charter member, passed away. All insurance paperwork was submitted and the widow should receive a check this coming week.
3. Mr. Perez would like to enter into a maintenance agreement to inspect and maintain the building exhaust system. The cost per year is \$556 and includes 20% off parts.
4. On April 22nd at 4:45 p.m, there will be a preliminary meeting with the Auditor to review the Audit regarding the 2013 Audit.

5. Chief Perez and Chief Smith met with representatives from Aftacom to gather information on their system which controls traffic lights. In addition, information was requested about warning lights to be activated when fire trucks leave and re-enter firehouses. Township approval was already received and would be enforceable. This will continue to be worked on, including striping on the road.
6. Vendors are being looked for to handle maintenance.
7. Truck 230 was parked and was hit; per the accident report, it clearly was not the Company's fault. The hitch was damaged but it is drivable. The insurance company will submit a claim to the other insurance company.

Chairman – no report.

Standing Committee Report –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – nothing to report.

State Association – the next meeting will be in June.

Insurance – nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Mr. Rosenberg stated that the doors on Station 23 need to be painted as they are peeling and are in bad shape. He will discuss this with Mr. Perez.

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Olson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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