

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 8, 2015

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 Berezansky, Josephson, Olson, Orchard and Tarnowski.

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

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

Reports:

President - Mr. Schmidt stated that the Fire Company is going to purchase of two computers, which will replace one in the Radio Room and one in the Office. The cost is about \$690, which the Company will purchase with a credit card and at the end of the year, accounting between the Board and the Company will handled. The Commissioners agreed to this arrangement.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky reported that the reconciliations will be available for next month's meeting. She noted that the Fire Company did not receive their May check, however, this will be taken care next month. After review of the vouchers, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the List as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Stats for May: 32 calls, 3 drills, 4 work details. YTD: 115 calls, 15 drills, 27 work.

- A letter was received from a citizen (unassigned) informing the Company of “illegal and unsafe use of the Home Depot parking lot. Their use of the fire lane for mulch, BBQ's, plants and other items is a direct violation of the fire code and a public safety issue. Additionally, Home Depot used the parking lot for sales of play ground systems. This violates the necessary parking requirements which must be maintained. Furthermore, if the parking lot is being used as a store, it would need a variance and should be assessed for tax purposes, higher than just a parking lot. I would appreciate this be handled ASAP. I live in town and this is not right.” This letter was sent to the Chief, Mayor, Town Clerk and Police Chief. Chief Perez contacted Alan Liard, who directed his people to patrol the area for fire issues, however, it does not seem that any laws have been violated. Subsequently, the Chief received an email for the area UPS supervisor indicating that his personnel are being persecuted for using the fire lanes to deliver items at the South Brunswick Home Depot. The Chief directed him to contact Alan Laird.
- A bi-yearly update was received from ISO and there are no changes, which should keep the rating the same.

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

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

- Hose Testing was done last month: 4 lengths of 5" failed and 7 lengths of 1 ¾" failed. New hoses will be ordered.
- Both Chiefs' cars have been shipped from the factory to the dealer in Maryland. Everyone is ready to outfit and letter, when it arrives, probably in August.
- The First Aid Squad has requested a donation of one of the old chiefs' vehicles and the other one will be kept as an extra. The Board needs to discuss this issue and come to a decision.
- The pick-up is running, however, it really should not be used as a plow. Again, this a decision for a later date.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard had nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison - nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison - nothing to report.

Public Relations – Mr. Perez reported that the website is up to date and all legal advertising for the 2014 Audit was done. Mr. Orchard Financial Disclosures have been filed with the Township Clerk.

State Association - The June meeting will be held in Howell. Mr. Orchard reported that the treasurer has stepped down and been replaced by Harry Carter.

Insurance – everything is OK.

Unfinished Business: Electronic Sign Board - Mr. Josephson had nothing to report.

New Business: Mr. Orchard reported that Mr. Perez has drafted a letter requesting that LOSAP return any monies for members who were not vested and left the Company. There are 5 people to whom this applies, in the amount of \$32,394.78. This amount would be used to offset future budgets. Mr. Perez reported that the LOSAP check for 2015 would be presented next month.

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no other business to discuss, Mr. Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Berezansky seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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