

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 14, 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 Josephson, Orchard and Tarnowski

Members absent: Commissioners Berezansky and Olson

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of August Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Orchard seconded the motion. A vote was taken, with one abstention.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez presented the following report (file copies attached):

- Stats for September: 25 fire calls, 3 drills and 4 work duties for a total of 183 fire calls, 26 drills and 38 work duties YTD. Total man-hours are 3,465. Mr. Perez noted that this has been a busy year.
- Attended National Night Out event at Rowland Park.
- The Open House is Oct. 10th for Fire Prevention Week. In addition, in October the schools in the Township will be visited and on the 3rd, the Fire Company will attend an event at the Home Depot.
- Notable incidents this past month: dog saved from house fire, assisted Franklin with a large commercial fire, a kitchen fire last Saturday and a large fire at Oakdale Village, where 3 trailers burned and 2 others were saved.

President – Chief Perez reported, in the President’s absence, that recruitment is going very well.

Treasurer’s Report/ Voucher List - In Ms. Berezansky’s absence, Mr. Orchard presented the report (file copy attached). Budget talks need to begin, so a special meeting may be needed. It was reported that the heavy hitters for the rest of the year will be Insurance (Casualty and Workman’s Comp), the Incentive Program, Debt Service principal and the Fire Marshall payment. At this point, however, the budget is in good shape.

After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the List and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary’s Report – no report.

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

1. All trucks have been maintained, except for one, which will be taken care of shortly.
2. There is a mold problem at Station 23, which has been looked at by two different companies. It has been determined that the fire company bay area, the antique truck and some of the gear will need to be cleaned. It seems that this situation was probably caused by the A/C not working properly. The cost to remediate will be between \$4K-\$6K, not including the gear clean up. Mr. Perez will meet with an insurance rep to see if submitting a claim would be the appropriate avenue.

The A/C must be replaced prior to any remediation, at a cost of \$5K.

The Board agreed to move forward with the lowest bid ASAP and not wait for the next meeting.

Chairman’s Report – Mr. Orchard had nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – The Open House will be Oct. 10th from 1 to 4 p.m.

State Association – the meeting will be held in September at the Wildwood Convention.

Insurance – payments will be due in November.

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

New Business: nothing to discuss.

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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