

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 13, 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, Olson, Orchard and Tarnowski

Members absent: Commission Berezansky

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

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

Reports:

Line Activities – Mr. Orchard reported the following in the Chief's absence:

- Stats (file copy attached) – YTD: 289 events, 398 event hours, 3,807 man-hours, 3,111 total number of firefighters, with average firefighters per event of 10.7.
- The Open House was held on the 10th and was a great success.

President's Report – none

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – The Commissioners reviewed the Report and List (file copy attached). After review of the vouchers, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve them as presented and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

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

Fire Coordinator's Report – Mr. Orchard reported that Mr. Perez had contacted the low bid vendor for the removal of the mold at Station 23. He will be meeting with him soon.

The air compressor at Station 22 will be replaced at a cost of about \$800.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Orchard noted that the budget process for 2016 is underway.

It was reported that Firefighter Deven Melchisky was issued a suspension for conduct unbecoming while attending the Wildwood Convention. The suspension runs from 9/21 to 10/20. In addition, he will not allowed to attend next year's convention; the following year, it will be at the discretion of the executive officers. Mr. Melchisky assumed full responsibility for his actions and wrote letters of remorse to those affected.

It was requested that the Board give the OK for Mr. Perez to purchase two computers for the Fire Company, which had been discussed previously. One computer will be for the Radio Room and the other will be housed in the office that the Executive and Line Officers share. Mr. Orchard indicated he would have Mr. Perez handle this request.

Mr. Orchard noted that the Board's recording equipment is missing; this will be looked into.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – As reported, the Open House was held and was a great success.

State Association – the next meeting will be in Dec.

Insurance – everything is paid up.

Unfinished Sign Board: Electronic Sign Board – Mr. Josephson reported that he is compiling information that he will bring to the Board for discussion. It was reported that there is an Eagle Scout that is interested in assisting with signage.

New Business: nothing to discuss.

Address from the Public: The Rescue Squad President noted that on the Squad's side of Station 23, there is an issue with the exhaust connection. Mr. Orchard will make sure the Chief looks into this.

The Rescue Squad is interested in getting one of the Fire Company's old Chiefs' vehicle, if possible. Mr. Orchard reported that the Board's attorney and auditor will be contacted to see how to handle this type of request.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the 2016 Budget and personnel issues. They came out at 7:05 p.m.

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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