

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 8, 2016

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 the compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Josephson, Olson, Orchard and Tarnowski

Members absent: Commissioner Berezansky

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

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

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Cioffi presented the following report:

- During the recent blizzard, three round-the-clock shifts were in place and all went well; fortunately there were no calls. Mr. Orchard questioned whether it would be beneficial to put chains on the trucks. Mr. Perez stated they create more issues than benefits.
- Call volume is average for this time of year.
- There are more new members coming on board, which is great.
- Stats for Jan. and YTD: 46 events; 89.2 event hours; 784 man-hours; 518 firefighters (file copy attached).

President's Report – Mr. Schmidt had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – The report was distributed to the Commissioners (file copy attached). Mr. Perez stated that there were two large pay outs this month: \$127,229.60 for the finance payment and interest on the Rescue Truck and \$38,657 to Liberty Mutual due to their reimbursement error.

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

Secretary's Report - Mr. Olson reported that all is ready for the election.

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

1. As noted above, all forms and materials are ready for the election, excluding the ballots, which will be done shortly.
2. The Budget was received from the State and there were no negative issues.
3. As previously discussed, the Liberty Mutual reimbursement issue was resolved, with the help of Jennifer of Nottingham Insurance.
4. Paperwork for the grant for the A/C at Station 23 was submitted, however, no response has been received at this time.
5. The Cascade System in the bay area of Station 23 is going to need to have the valves re-built on it. The cost should be about \$1200. New connectors, for the bottles, need to be purchased at a cost of \$800.
6. The module on Truck 227 will be replaced, once the weather calms down.
7. The Audit will be Feb. 22-24. The Liberty Mutual issue will be explained in the Audit.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Orchard reminded everyone to make sure they vote in the election, up on the Feb. 20th.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – the website is up to date.

State Association – the next meeting will be in March.

Insurance – everything is good.

Unfinished Business: Electronic Sign Board- still in progress.

New Business: none

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Josephson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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