

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 14, 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 6:41 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Berezansky, Orchard, Tarnowski, Josephson and Olson.

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of February Meeting Minutes: Ms. Berezansky made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Line Activities – Chief Cioffi presented the following report (file copy attached):

- Stats for February: 36 total events, 49.35 total event hours, equating to 634.83 total man hours, with a total number of 462 firefighters. YTD: 82 events.
- Two junior members were sworn in as probationary members, as they had turned 18. In addition, two new junior members are joining.
- There was one structure fire in a remote area of Kendall Park and the Fire Company did a good job considering the size and location of the fire.

President's Report – no report.

Treasurer's Report/ Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the report. She noted that the PSE&G bill was for January and February. After review, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to accept the Voucher List as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Olson reported that Commissioners Tarnowski and Josephson were re-elected for a three-year term.

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

1. Member Paul Wilson passed away; the life insurance claim is in the process.
2. There need to be some adjustments made to the life insurance roster but it should not impact the premium.
3. Repairs were made to one of the engines; a module was replaced. It currently is not be used for firefighting, just training.
4. The Ladder Truck had a minor repair.
5. The new air compressor had a motor issue, which was replaced by the vendor.
6. A number of bottles were sent out for hydro testing, which will necessitate new bottles being put into service.
7. Approximately \$5K-\$6K of hose will need to be replaced.
8. The audit was completed. There was an issue with the resolution for Commissioners' salaries for last year. A corrected resolution will be presented under New Business. Hopefully the draft will be received by next month's meeting.
9. Fitness 19 closed, therefore, Mr. Perez and the Chief are looking into other options.
10. LOSAP has been posted and should be paid next month.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard thanked everyone for voting; he noted there were 3 “no” votes on the Budget. A “thank you” card was received from Ms. Berezansky.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – website is up to date.

State Association – no one attended, however, the minutes were received. Two items of note:

- (1) A priority bill was presented that establishes procedures for Boards of Fire Commissioners to move annual Fire District elections to November.
- (2) Establishes permissive procedures for consolidating fire districts.

Insurance – a audit was made and everything was fine.

Unfinished Business: Electronic Sign Board – nothing to report.

New Business: Mr. Perez presented a revised Resolution 15/16-10: Commissioners Salaries. He reported that there had been a typo, listing Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Commissioner salaries as \$3,000, when it should have been \$3,500. The Treasurer's salary was correct at \$5,000. Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the revised resolution and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes and Mr. Josephson-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Ms. Berezansky made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Olson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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