

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 13, 2017

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, Tarnowski and Orchard.

Members absent: none

**Flag Salute:** completed

**Agenda Changes:** none

**Address from the Public:** none

**Approval of October Regular Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Berezansky seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

Line Activities – Chief Cioffi presented the following report:

- Stats for October: Total events-31; Total event hours-46; Total manhours-553 for a Total of 401 firefighters.
- Stats YTD: Total events-299; Total event hours-391; Total manhours-4,755 for a Total of 3,656 firefighters.
- All apparatus is in service. The Rescue Truck had the front transfer case re-flashed, which resolved the issue of the 4-wheel drive locking up.
- Three line officers attended a conference in Florida. They reported that it was a good trip and will be sharing the information the District and the Fire Company.

President's Report – Mr. Melchisky reported that the Fire Company's budget for 2018 will remain the same.

Treasurer's Report – Ms. Berezansky presented the report (file copy attached) and noted that all bills had been paid and all accounts reconciled. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the List as presented and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

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

Fire Coordinator's Report – Mr. Perez reported, as did the Chief, the Rescue Truck needed repairs, however, there was also a problem with an ignition wire which required the Truck to be towed at a cost of \$657.

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

Standing Committee Reports:

*Fire Company Liaison* – no report.

*Rescue Squad Liaison* – no report.

*Public Relations* – everything is OK.

*State Association* – the next meeting will be in December

*Insurance* – all coverages are paid and Mr. Perez will be meeting with the Workman's Comp representatives next week.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business: 2018 Budget**

Mr. Perez presented the suggested 2018 Budget (file copy attached) and noted that the ratables are not included in the calculations. The budget is about \$10K more than last year but the amount to be infused is less than last year.

Mr. Perez reported that Firefighter Medical was decreased, as the Company will go to a new program which will allow all members to use their own doctors. If there are co-pays, members will be re-imbursed. A new Firefighter Fitness has been written up and will be discussed to see how to implement it.

Mr. Perez explained that the \$100,500 for Capital Projects was the money left over from the bond payment from the building. The money was used this year to purchase the Pick-up Truck. In order to keep that money in the budget, a project that would increase the safety for the Fire Company and those who drive roads in the area, is being considered. It is a

traffic light changing system which allows emergency vehicles to control them, thus eliminating the need to stop. The cost for an intersection such as Rt.1/New Road is about \$20K. Chief Cioffi stated that this equipment on the trucks, along with what District 2 has done, will cover all of Rt. 27 for the district.

Another project would be replacing the generator in Station 22, with a generator that can handle the entire building, not just 70% of it. Mr. Perez noted, also, that the existing generator is about 25 years old. The Chief stated that the total cost would be about \$90K and he explained that since the generator is an indoor unit, it is more challenging.

After discussing the options, the Board decided to do the lights for 2018 and put the rest of the money into capital for the generator in 2019. Mr. Perez will check with Mr. Braslow to see if this action requires a public vote to approve capital improvement.

**Executive Session:** none

**Address from the Public:** none

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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