

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

December 10, 2018

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 6:34 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

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

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Cioffi reported the following:

- Stats for November: 39 total events; 35.9 event hours; 379 man-hours; 378 firefighters
- YTD: 412 total events; 477 event hours; 5071 man-hours; 4448 firefighters.
- Santacade festivities were this past weekend and went very well.

President's Report – Mr. Melchisky stated that the Fire Company elections will take place this Friday.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the Report (file copy attached). She noted that all bills have been paid and the Commissioner's stipends would be distributed this evening. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to approve the List, as presented; 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 the following:

1. New tires were put on the two Chiefs' vehicles. Better SUV rated tires were installed.
2. Station 23 had work done on the garage doors.
3. Follow-up maintenance was done on the generators, including PM's; all ready for the winter.
4. Truck 221 had some minor items done on it.
5. New laptops for the Treasurer and the Clerk are in the process.

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 – It was noted that there was one complaint that the Santacade truck didn't come thru one street; this was not true.

State Association – the meeting will be coming up in December.

Insurance – everything is OK

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: 2019 Budget: Mr. Perez reported that 2019 Budget basically stayed flat from last year's budget; only a .9% increase or \$7770. Also, the Unrestricted Balance went down 26.3%. It was noted that capital money used to purchase apparatus in the past, was put back into the capital fund, to be used to replace the ladder truck in the future (approximately \$350K). Finally, evaluations were up, which allowed a lesser amount to be used from Unrestricted Funds.

Resolution 18/19-13: Authorizing Budget Transfers Relative to 2018 Budget (file copy attached). The resolution was read into the record. Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the resolution and Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes; and Ms. Berezansky-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 18/19-14: Introduction of 2019 Fire Budget (file copy attached) and was read into the record. Highlights "the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$879,050, which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$841,939 and Total Appropriations of

\$879,050". Ms. Berezanky made a motion to accept the resolution and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Olson-yes and Mr. Tarnowski-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 18/19-15: Authorizing Ballot Question Relative to Annual Election relative to purchase of a fire truck (file copy attached), which was read into the record. Ms. Berezansky made a motion to accept the resolution, as read, Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Josephson-yes; Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes and Mr. Tarnowski-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 18/19-16: Authorizing Salary Increase Relative to Fire Coordinator, was read into the record (file copy attached). Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the resolution and Ms. Berezansky seconded the motion. A roll call was taken: Mr. Josephson-yes; Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes and Mr. Tarnowski-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 the meeting and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed; the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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