

**Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**Fire District No. 1**  
**Freehold, NJ 07728**

**Regular Meeting**

**July 20, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30pm by Vice Chairman Robert Buscaglia. The notice was read. Flag Salute was lead by the Chief. Roll call was taken. Larry Story, Robert Buscaglia, Charles Buscaglia, and Roger Keim were present. Thomas Caruso was absent. Also in attendance was; Joseph Youssouf, Donna Pujat, Chief Luongo, and other members of the fire company.

A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Keim to approve the minutes of the June 2010 meeting as prepared. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

**Correspondence:** A notice was received from <sup>Royal</sup> ~~Miracle~~ Chemical regarding truck cleaning supplies. A notice was also received regarding a speaker which was returned to Galls.

**Treasurers Report:** The report was read into record. A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Keim to approve the report as presented. A vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to pay the bills in the total of \$84,516.63 and to and to transfer \$85,000 from money market into the checking account. Large items included a change order for the pre-emption system in the amount of \$23,600, new chiefs vehicle at \$16,663, Air packs at \$12,000 and MidState Mobile at \$10,000 A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

A check was received from Clayton Block in the amount of \$528 for overpayment of supplies purchased during the March 13<sup>th</sup> storm.

**Insurance:** Progress. No new claims, and all seems to be in order.

**Building:** Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that he had a discussion with a contractor regarding the a/c/heating unit at district. The unit will be checked and it was recommended to move the thermostat. There had been an issue with an overflowing toilet at Georgia Road Station, which now seems to be ok. The cable

box has been taken care of. The card had been removed. Mr. Buscaglia reported that if the card disappears again, the box will be removed.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf reported that as of July 1, 2010 a new bid threshold went into effect. That being excess of \$26,000 needs formal bids, and over \$3,900 needs three quotes.

Also, as of July 13, 2010 the new 2% cap law is in effect with very few exceptions. Most exceptions do not apply to Fire District budgets which concerns Joe. Discussion followed.

Discussion also followed on moving the Fire District elections to November.

Copy of the resolution approved in January for the purchasing of a light rescue fire apparatus was added for the records.

**Chiefs Report:** Chief Luongo read into record, the June report.

The Chief asked permission to have the radios for the special services unit mounted. Mr. R. Buscaglia said it was fine, and discussion followed.

The new 16-1-67 unit is waiting for equipment mounting.

National Night Out is being held on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and all are invited to stop and visit.

Lettering on the apparatus is complete.

Ladder testing quotes are in. Mr. R. Buscaglia requested that the Chief use the lowest quoted price. These will be set up for August.

The Chief requested clarification on the meal allowance for the trip to Baltimore. Mr. C. Buscaglia reported: Each member will receive \$65.00 per day, \$15 Breakfast, \$15 Lunch and \$35 Dinner.. The rooms and parking has been pre-paid and tolls should be no more than \$16-20 per vehicle. One member taking his own vehicle will be allotted 50cents per mile. The Chief asked, if a member chooses not to eat breakfast or lunch, can they spend that on dinner. Mr. C. Buscaglia also requested individual receipts for meals, Discussion followed. The Chief will handle the receipts, etc. He added that they have no problem following the guidelines, but individual checks may be difficult.

Presidents Report: None

**Old Business:** Mr. Story reported that in the past, discussion had been held on the pluses of a solar system for the firehouse. He indicated that the company he contacted would not do something as small as the firehouse. Discussion followed.

**New Business:** Hall renovations have been started and progress is being made. The Fire Company requested use of the Board meeting room for monthly Company meetings until the project is completed. Mr. R. Buscaglia indicated that it was not a problem with the use of the room.

**Audience:** Jack Scheurer suggested that a mailbox be mounted outside of the Board's office. He added that there seems to be a problem with vouchers being lost and this would eliminate that problem. He added that he was told the gym reimbursement must be done in a three month period, and once he did that, he was told his voucher was lost. Mr. R. Buscaglia stated that the suggestion would be taken under advisement.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded Mr. Keim by to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Respectfully submitted;

Larry Story, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Story".