

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO 1
FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP, NJ**

Regular Meeting

December 20, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Robert Buscaglia.

Notice was read, the flag salute was lead by Asst. Chief Prochnow. Roll call was taken; Mr. Story, Mr. Caruso, Mr. Keim, C. Buscaglia, R. Buscaglia, and were all present. Also in attendance was Joseph Youssef, Asst. Chief Prochnow, Donna Pujat and other members of the Fire Company.

A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the minutes of the November 2011 meeting as prepared. Roll call vote was taken, all voted in the affirmative.

Correspondence: A letter was received from FEMA advising the Board that approx. \$9,000 would be paid to the Fire District for storm related reimbursements.

Treasurers Report: Mr. C. Buscaglia read the report into record. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story, to approve the report as presented. All voted in the affirmative to approve.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to pay the bills in the total of \$223,895.79 and to transfer \$225,000 from Money Market into checking. Large bill items included Air packs at \$155,858 and Building lease at \$20,000 A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Insurance: Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that the repairs for the truck was now at \$90,000+ He spoke to Twin lights who advised him that that does not include the radios. Windshield is ready to go in and gold leaf should be done within the week. Chairman Buscaglia requested that Asst. Chief Spicuzza order the radios. Discussion was held regarding setting up a time to go see the truck. Mr. Buscaglia noted his concerns with the paint matching.

Chief Prochnow asked about benefits. The question was asked if individuals being interviewed for membership should or could be advised of what benefits they are entitled. Discussed followed. Currently benefits are as follows: Group Life \$25,000 Accidental Death \$50,000, in the line of duty death \$75,000, Accident & Sickness \$175,000, Non accidental death \$175,000 for a total of \$266,500

Building: Mr. Keim reported that the partitions and soap dispensers are done. He had received quotes for new plumbing fixtures as follows:

Caballero	No Quote
Robbie's Plumbing	\$4,492.41
Slavin Mechanical	\$3,900

Some discussion followed, a motion was made by Mr. Keim and seconded by Mr. Story to go with Slavin for the work. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

It was reported that the Township failed the annual fire inspection for generator and alarm reports. These were sent in to the Township and the approval should be coming through. Certificates were received for all of the outstanding work/inspections. These will be placed in the files.

The Board was advised that the frame for the exit plan had been broken in error.

Chiefs Report: Asst Chief Prochnow mentioned that there is no salt at the Georgia Road Station.

The Chief reported that Tom Luongo had left earlier than expected and was officially moved to Virginia.

The report for November was read into record.

Line Officer Election results were read into record. For 2012 the Officers are:

Chief Wayne Prochnow, Asst Chief Dan Spicuzza, 2nd Asst Chief Bryan Zuccarelli, 1st Liet Ralph Reifer, 2nd Lieut Craig Haas and Captain – Dan Peterson.

16-1-76 was involved in a minor accident. Repairs were quoted for fender and light at \$1,318 Mr. R. Buscaglia advised the Chief to make arrangements to have the work done.

It was reported that the ladder testing went well. One failed and will need to be replaced.

The Chief reported that the Fargas Camera's sensor failed. It would be \$3,000 to repair and \$8,500 for a new camera. There is only a 6 month warranty of the cameras. Discussion followed. Mr. R. Buscaglia advised the Chief to proceed with purchasing a new camera.

The Chief asked the Board about having the call numbers changed on the roof of the cars. Three prices were received, those being:

Quote #1	\$25.00 per car
Quote #2	\$55.00 per car or \$60 per car for roof & both sides
Quote #3	\$60.00 per car

Discussion followed. Mr. R. Buscaglia advised the Chief to have the work done.

Truck Maintenance: 77 needed a new check valve

79 & 96 were done, 79 & 95 are to be completed.

Pump test repairs will be done as soon as all maintenance has been completed.

The air cart is scheduled to be mounted on the rescue.

Legal:

Mr. Yousouf advised the Board that the District Budget would be introduced at the meeting to be held on 1/17/12 at 7:30pm Two seats are up, those being of Charles Buscaglia and Roger Keim. Three petitions were received.

Mr. Youssouf commented that in order to purchase out of capital reserve, it must be approved by the voters no later than 12/30/11 Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve a resolution by title to schedule a special meeting for 12/30/11 at 12:00pm for the voters to authorize the purchase of an emergency electrical generator at a cost not to exceed \$35,000 and 10 SCBA Units to to exceed the cost of \$70,000 and the funds to be appropriated in the next annual budget. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

President's Report: President AJ Story thanked the Board for their support during his time as president.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding work which was done at District Headquarters without the boards approval. At the time, two quotes had been given to the Board. The Board advised Ken Lucas not to have the work done without a third quote. The Board never received the quote and the work was done. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Lucas would be contacted and advised to provide the third quote. Mr. C. Buscaglia noted that the work would be completed within the next two months. And in the future, three quotes are required and Board approval is also required.

New Business: A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the purchase of a new recorder for Donna, not to exceed \$200. Donna will purchase and the Board will reimburse her. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Story asked that with Chief Luongo now being gone, should the Asst move up to Chief. Mr. Youssouf stated yes, that the Asst would assume responsibility of the Chief's duties, until January 1st, at which time he takes over as Chief by title.

Discussion was held regarding the cellphones. The Officers are reporting problems with them. Discussion followed and it was determined that it is time for upgrades and that will be looked into.

Audience participation: Flor Cordero was present at the meeting and advised that he will be turning 64 in March. He asked if there is any paperwork he will need to complete for the Board and his LOSAP. Mr. C. Buscaglia will get him information from the insurance company to be sure all is in order.

Discussion continued regarding beneficiary cards. It has been some time since anyone has updated theirs and some members don't recall even completing them.

Brian Zucarelli asked the Board if they would consider raising the death benefit. Discussion followed and it was noted that the Board thinks they may be at the maximum allowed benefit. No one being 100% clear on what the Board has, Mr. C. Buscaglia will contact Peter Jeffries of Holmes & McDowell and ask him to attend the next company meeting to go over benefits.

It was noted that the Anti Harrassment training will be held at the February company meeting. Donna will contact the Township's Human Resources Department to borrow the tape.

Being no further business, at 8:46pm a motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Caruso to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Larry Story, Secretary