

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

**Regular Meeting**

**October 23, 2012**

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

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. C. Buscaglia to approve the minutes as prepared. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

**Correspondence:** None

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

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Joshi to pay the bills in the total of \$44,283.04 and to and to transfer \$45,000 from money market into the checking account. A roll call vote was taken, all voted in the affirmative, except Mr. Caruso who abstained.

**Insurance:** None

**Building:** Duckett & Laird is to replace the thermostat in the bay. Mr. Caruso was asked to plub in the bay heater at the Georgia Road Station.

**Chiefs Report:** Chief Prochnow read into record, the September report.

The Chief asked reported that Hose Testing is scheduled with Fail Safe and the ladder testing is scheduled for December.

Pump tests were all done and passed. Dan Peterson had received prices for the servicing on 90 & 87. Discussion followed and it was agreed to use Fire & Safety at \$1,560.

93 needed a new alternator. The cameras have been charged and three new batteries will be needed.

The Chief reported that the Open House was a success.

**Legal:** Mr. Youssouf reported that it is time to begin the budget process for next year. Election to be held 2/16/13, Budget Hearing 1/22/13 and Introduction of the Budget on 12/18/12 Discussion was held on the Capital project and Architectural work. Capital items will be a new Chief's Car, a truck and the addition. Discussion followed on funding. A decision was made to hold a special meeting on December 18, 2012 at 8:00pm for the firehouse expansion. Mr. Youssouf will prepare a notice and resolution for the meeting.

**Presidents Report:** President Marcondes reported that the following evening a meeting will be held to collect the Class B's.

**Old Business:** Mr. Joshi reported that the Board is not happy with the service of the current computer representative. A price was received from Netlink at \$8,000 annually. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Caruso to contract with Netlink beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

**New Business:** An Executive Session was requested, but determined by Mr. Youssouf that since it was for discussion of quotes, an Executive Session was not required, but discussion to be held under regular meeting.

Chief Prochnow requested the purchase of gas detectors. Prices as follows:

Tasc -\$5,035.45, Emergency Equipment Sales - \$6,481.62 and Fire Fighters Equipment -\$4,914 Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi authorizing the Chief to make the purchase. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

The Chief requested to purchase 56 voice amps. Prices as follows: Tasc- \$390 each and \$26.40 per bracket Tasc is also State Contract. Mr. C. Buscaglia questioned why 56. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. Caruso to purchase 20 and put the remaining purchase request in the budget for 2013. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

The Chief requested to purchase a A/C Voltage Detector which detects live power lines. Firefighters Equipment \$2,600 A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi to make the purchase. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Scott Pack Testing needs to be done. 52 packs @\$45.00 per pack and testing to be done onsite. Mr. R. Buscaglia advised the Chief to proceed.

The Chief requested to purchase 6 new air packs totaling \$46,000 - Discussion followed.

Pass Alerts are needed. Last time purchased they were \$500 each. This will be budgeted for 2013, purchasing 56 units.

Discussion was held regarding the power source for the brush truck at Georgia Road Station.

Mr. R. Buscaglia wished Asst Chief Reiffer luck with his upcoming surgery.

Discussion was held with purchasing Lap Tops for the Chief's Vehicles.

Mr. C. Buscaglia asked about the Fire Prevention trailer which is parked at DPW. Discussion followed. Mr. Buscaglia's concern is that the Board owns 1/3 of the trailer. Mr. Reilly will be contacted to see what the Bureau's intention is for the trailer.

**Audience:** None

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded Mr. Joshi by to adjourn the meeting at 8.57 pm

Respectfully submitted;

Larry Story, Board Secretary

