

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

Regular Meeting

April 24, 2012

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 Chief Prochnow. Roll call was taken; Mr. Story, Mr. Caruso, R. Buscaglia, and Mr. Joshi were all present. Mr. C. Buscaglia was absent. Also in attendance was Joseph Youssouf, Chief Prochnow, Donna Pujat and other members of the Fire Company.

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

Correspondence: A flyer was received form Cooper Electric regarding an open house.

Treasurers Report: Mr. Caruso read the report into record which had been prepared by C. Buscaglia. It was noted that 1st quarter payment was received from the Township in the amount of \$232,000. A motion was made by Mr. R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story, to approve the report as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi to pay the bills in the total of \$23,376.22 and to transfer \$22,000 from Money Market into checking. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Building: It was reported that the a/c's and bay heaters were serviced in both District and Georgia Road Stations and all is ok.

Lights are waiting for parts.

There is a problem with the heat/smoke sensors at the Georgia Road Station. Service has not been requested yet, but all seems ok with the system now.

Mr. Story reported that the forms posted at the Stations are done as per OSHA requirements. They should not be written on in any way.

Chiefs Report: Chief Prochnow read into record, Chiefs reports from March. The Company attended the Middlesex Fire Academy and the drill was excellent. The Chief recommended going more often.

77 had the new thermal camera mounted

It will cost \$600-\$790 to update the other cameras

New radios are in for the brush truck

A Stanley Demo System is scheduled for May 5th. Discussion followed.

Truck Committee held a meeting and have had a few good ideas and looked at a few trucks. Discussion followed.

SCOTT Packs are ordered.

Cutters for 87 are being placed in service this month.

New gear is being ordered and will be "phased in"

Three quotes were received for electric fans for 87 and 90

Coast Fire Systems \$2,500 per fan

TASC No Quote

Emergency Equipment Sales \$7,925.16 for three

The Chief requested permission to purchase the fans. The Board agreed and advised to use the low quote.

Discussion was held regarding cameras for the back of the trucks.

87 had an air leak which was repaired

R. Buscaglia noted that he found the jockey pump running in the middle of the night.

Discussion followed.

76 had a door problem which has been repaired

79 had a problem with the front garage door, it kept going up and down. Mr.

Buscaglia will contact Avon Door Company.

The Chief asked that the letting on 78 be looked at right away. It seems to be wearing off.

The Company will host a basic extrication class and will invite neighboring companies.

New air masks are in. 5 large were ordered and 5 medium.

Dan Petersen is working on getting equipment on 85; spot lights, boxes for pumps, etc.

It was requesting to get two extra keys for the new Chiefs car.

The opener for the tanker bay door is missing. Discussion followed. Mr. Buscaglia will check with Avon Door Company about a new one

Printer in the Chiefs office is not working.

Numerous members are currently taking the Water Rescue Class at the Academy, which is a three part class. Once they have completed that, the officers will begin looking into purchasing water rescue equipment.

At the recent structure fire on Siloam Road, a halogen tool from 90 was lost. A new one has been purchased.

Four DeWalt batteries have been purchased.

The booster hose on 93 is leaking and to be checked.

A tool box was purchased for 85

Work was performed on 86 and air test was done.

Misc items are being mounted on 79 by Fire & Safety

Chiefs Dinner is scheduled for June 2 from 7pm-11-m

Charlie and Bryan are working on the Baltimore Expo.

Computer: Discussion was held on the printer in the Chiefs office. Mr. R Buscaglia stated that he would like to purchase a printer/fax all in one. Discussion followed. Mr. Buscaglia asked Mr. Joshi to look into purchasing two of those units.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf read into record, corrected resolutions regarding the official Depositories of the District as Freehold Savings, Sun National Bank and NJ Community Bank.

Also, correcting the meeting dates for 2012. Meetings will be held on the forth Tuesday of the month, rather than the third. Those meeting dates are as follows:

4/24, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27, 12/18, 1/22/13, 2/26/13 and 3/26/13

Mr. Youssouf reviewed legislature written by an Assemblyman to move the Fire District Election to November rather than February. Although it is proposed to save \$, it is going to add problems for towns who have more than one Fire District. Also those who don't have clear boundaries for the Districts. Discussion followed.

President's Report: The President was not in attendance.

Old Business: None

New Business: A proposal was received from Clean Air Company for the firehouse exhaust systems. The price would be \$961 per year which includes inspection of each system/each vehicle, labor included, parts will have an additional discount of 20% off of the manufacturer's price. Discussion followed. Mr. Story suggested tabling the discussion until two additional quotes are received, and the Board could check with Mr. C. Buscaglia to verify that we have had this contract before. No one remembers having this.

A list of everyone who took the physicals was reviewed. There are some members who did not. They will be written a letter, advising that they have 30 days from the date of the physicals to schedule a physical date. Donna will work with Mr. Caruso to draft this letter and get it out in the mail.

Audience participation: Asst Chief Spicuzza stated that he found the Board plaques at Smithburg firehouse, hanging up. Discussion followed. The Chief reported that he took them to the trophy shop to have new plates made and update the information and have the plaque up to date. He also ordered a second one to be hung at Georgia Road Station.

Chief Prochnow reported that three members have left the Fire Company. Those being: Paul Nicolosi, James Donke and Anthony Zavloski

At 8:45pm, a motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi to suspend the regular session of the meeting, and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative. Chairman Buscaglia requested the Chief & Asst Chief to remain for the meeting.

At 9:04pm, all entered back into the regular session of the meeting.

Being no further business, at 9:05pm a motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Caruso to close the regular session of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Story, Secretary