

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

Regular Meeting

May 22, 2012

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

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

At this time, the regular order of business was withheld for the opening of bids. Bids for the purchase of 16-1-67 - 2007 Tahoe. Bids received as follows:

- Charles Yaeger \$2,510
- Thomas Caruso \$4,000
- Jersey One Auto Sales \$7,777.77
- ME Municipal Equipment \$4,200
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Mr. R. Buscaglia advised the representative of Jersey One Auto Sales that he had won the bid for the purchase. The representative gave Mr. C. Buscaglia a \$200 cash deposit and was given a receipt. He was further advised that once the equipment was removed from the vehicle, the Board would contact him and he could pick up the vehicle.

A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi to approve the April minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken, Mr. Joshi, Caruso, and R. Buscaglia voted in the affirmative, Mr. C Buscaglia abstained and Mr. Story was absent.

Correspondence: Mr. C. Buscaglia reported that he had received something from the Sheraton of the Inner Harbor, Baltimore. He added that it was regarding the reservations for the Conference, and he believed everything was ok and done, but he would check it.

Treasurers Report: Mr. C. Buscaglia read the report into record. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi, to approve the report as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative. A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Caruso to pay the bills in the total of \$53,108.30 and to transfer \$55,000 from Money Market into checking. He reported that large item was \$29,553.75 to Day Chevy for the Chiefs vehicle. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Insurance: A notice was received that \$500 premium was due which was the difference in the coverage for the new Chiefs vehicle to the end of the year.

Building: Progress

Chiefs Report: Chief Prochnow read into record, Chiefs reports from April, and reported that calls are down 85 from last years stats. The Chief reported two new Junior Members- Brian Haas and Brian Joback.

The Chief also reported the following: Three new fans purchased for 90 & 87. 79 is out for work on the springs & king pins.

Halmatro tool training is scheduled for June 23 & 24th.

Three prices where received for Stihl saws. The lowest being from Firefighters Equipment Store at \$1,350 with a \$500 grant. Mr. R. Buscaglia advised the Chief to go ahead and make the purchase.

Light packs were discussed which were in the budget. The Board asked that this matter be tabled for the following month for budget reasons.

June 2nd will be the Chiefs Dinner, the Board is invited.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf read into record, a resolution regarding the suspension of a member who had failed the mandatory drug testing. This resolution being placed in the minutes. Mr. R. Buscaglia followed up by reporting that the particular member contacted him reporting that he is currently in rehab.

President's Report: President Marcondes reported that at a recent Fire Company incident, supplies were purchased in the amount of \$586.83 Discussion was held as to who purchased the items, being either Dan Peterson or Ralph Reifer. Also, an overhead projector was purchased for Siloam Road Firehouse from PC Richards in the amount of \$1,047 for training. This purchase was approved by the Chief. R. Buscaglia agreed on the purchases and the Board will reimburse the purchases.

The President brought up the ID card system to be used for accountability. Discussion followed as to who would receive cards, type of cards, number of cards, etc..... After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the ID Cards system, not to exceed \$2,200 in cost. R. Buscaglia requested that the Chief provide the President with a list of members who are to receive cards. Mr. Joshi will work with the President on this project. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

President Marconedes also brought up the fact that the Class B Uniforms are not compliant with NFPA regulations. Discussion followed. John had received quotes from Reds Uniforms for nomex clothing: Pants-\$112.50, Long Sleeve Shirts-\$86.50 and Short Sleeve Shirts-\$74.50 Discussion followed. Mr. R. Buscaglia commented that the new clothing was not in the 2012 budget. Mr. Youssouf indicated that the Board could use contingency funds for the emergency purchase of compliant gear. Discussion followed and Mr. Buscaglia requested that all existing Class B's be collected immediately.

Old Business: Mr. Caruso reported that the physical results were received. Chief Spicuzza asked, if a member took the drug test at the time of the physical, will they have to take it again. Mr. Caruso stated that they would have to take it again, it is random at the discretion of Access Health. He further reported that letters were sent to the members who did not take the physical, as result, some did not get back to Tom. R. Buscaglia asked Mr. Caruso to give a list of those members to the Chief.

New Business: Mr. R. Buscaglia indicated that a bid would be put together for a generator at Smithburg. Discussion followed. Mr. Joshi brought up the idea of installing I-AM Responding System at the three firehouses. Discussion followed. Mr. Joshi further reported that a 60 day free trial would require the purchase of a monitor, computer & router. After the 60 day trail, the price would be \$648 per year. Mr. Joshi had checked on prices and the lowest price he found was at Sams.

Those prices were: \$699.00- Computer and \$1,988- Monitor

Much discussion was held regarding areas of concern, using the phone while driving, item not be in the budget, the need for such a system, etc.

Mr. C. Buscaglia noted that while he is aware that the system exists in Adelphia, he never heard of Ind. having an issue with responses or shortage of drivers. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. Caruso to enter the trial period, and purchase the equipment for the initial set up, not to exceed \$3,250. A roll call vote was taken, Mr. R. Buscaglia, Caruso and Joshi -Yes, Mr. C. Buscaglia - abstained, and Mr. Story was absent.

Mr. C. Buscaglia further commented that he has seen the system in operation in Adelphia and saw how it worked. He stated that he felt if there was a need for it here, the Officers would have asked about it. Mr. Joshi stated that he had talked to the Officers about it.

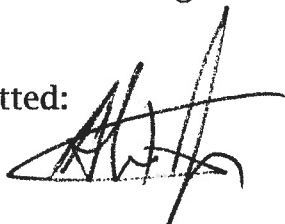
At this time, with the arrival of ^{LIBUT.} ~~Asst Chief~~ Petersen, discussion was held on the lights for the trucks. After explanation by ~~Chief~~ Petersen, a motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. C. Buscaglia to authorize a resolution for awarding the work to 1st Priority for the lighting work on each apparatus. ~~Chief~~ Petersen will check into trade in for the light bars. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Chief Prochnow asked about obtaining "Easy Passes" for the vehicles. Discussion followed. It is thought that there would be a \$1 per month, per pass charge for the fire district. Mr. Joshi will check into it.

Chief Spicuzza will check into the Township Garage staff taking lights, siren and lettering off of the chiefs vehicle that was sold.

Being no further business, at 9:23pm a motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. C. Buscaglia to close the regular session of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Shyamal Joshi, Clerk (In the absence of the Secy)