

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

Regular Meeting

August 28, 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 Spicuzza. Roll call was taken; Mr. Story, Mr. Caruso, Mr. Joshi, Mr. C. Buscaglia and Mr. R. Buscaglia, were all present. Also in attendance was Asst. Chief Spicuzza, President Marcondes, Joseph Yousouf and Donna Pujat and other members of the Fire Company.

A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story to approve the July minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the Executive Session minutes of July as presented. Roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Peter Hall of DCA regarding the requirement of the website by September of 2013.

A proposal was received from Jack Purvis regarding his Architectural services for renovations of District Headquarters. Discussion was held. Due to the fact that the second page of the proposal was not attached, proposal is tabled. Donna will contact Mr. Purvis for another copy.

A letter was received from Kevin Keane regarding permission to wear District turnout gear in the Tunnel to Tower Run being held on September 30th. This will be tabled for new business.

Treasurers Report: Mr. C. Buscaglia read the report into record. A motion was made by Mr. Story 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. Story to pay the bills in the total of \$34,696.72 and to transfer \$31,000 from Money Market into checking. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Insurance: A rebate check was received which was the difference in coverage for the new Tahoe verses the old Tahoe.

Building: Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that the phone at Georgia Road is not repaired and Phone Company will need to be called again.

Mr. Joshi reported that the A/C in the Chiefs Office is leaking again and scheduled for repairs.

Mr. Joshi also reported that the bulbs are in for the lights in the Chiefs office and scheduled to be changed.

Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that the generators were serviced.

Mr. Story reported that he re-checked the buildings for stored chemicals. There are a few new ones which he added to the MSDS Sheets, and all is up to date.

Mr. Story reported that the universal gaskets which are needed for the stove at District, are no longer available. He stated that the stove top is ok to use, but not the oven. A new stove will be purchased, and will be tabled for new business.

Chiefs Report: Asst. Chief Spicuzza read into record, Chiefs reports from July.

He also reported that 77 had lights and cameras installed

He read into record a letter from Chief Prochnow deeming light bars and fans as surplus equipment. The letter was not signed by the Chief, so will be held until he can sign it. Discussion following regarding Freehold Twp's interest in obtaining the light bars. Chief Spicuzza will get a letter from the Township and the District will make a decision at that time.

76 went to Fire & Safety for an electrical issue with the pump shift actuators, but nothing was found.

87 had new tires due to safety concerns of P&L. A PTO seal needed replacing.

Chief Spicuzza reported that there were concerns with P&L, specifically the lack of parts on hand for repairs. He reported that 87 has been out of warranty for one week on the engine and cab chassis, that expiration date being 8/20/12. The truck went out to P&L on 8/13/12 and returned on 8/27/12. Discussion was held that they had possession of the truck during that warranty expiration date.

79 is scheduled to go to First Priority on 9/10 for work.

New cell phones are in and working great.

Two new members have been taken in.

Chief Prochnow sent a report with Chief Spicuzza regarding probation of Matt Manzella. Matt is doing great and the officers feel he is ready to begin riding the trucks again. Chairman Buscaglia indicated that further discussion would be held in executive session.

Some of the battery chargers need to be replaced. In order to keep them all the same, five new ones will be purchased. Three prices were received, the lowest being State Line at \$2,725 for 5 chargers. A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Joshi to authorize the purchase. A roll call vote was taken, all in the affirmative.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf reported on the law enacted on 8/7/12 which prohibits 1st Responders to distribute photos or videos through any means of incidents in which victims are part of without the written consent of the victim or next of kin. If this is done, it will be considered a 4th degree crime. Discussion followed. Mr. Youssouf suggested that the Board adopt a resolution regarding this. A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the resolution by title. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Mr. Caruso reported that the Anti-harassment training has been completed. There is a list of 8 members who did not attend. Tom will send them all letters, giving them two weeks from receipt of the letter to contact him to schedule the training. Donna will borrow the tapes from the Twp again.

President's Report: President Marcondes reported that he drafted a letter regarding the class b's and distributed to most of the members. He has a list of those who did not receive the letter.

He added that he researched new class b's and got prices.

Cotton long sleeve shirts -\$80.50 each

Cotton short sleeve shirts - \$66.50 each

Pants \$105.50 Total \$254.00 per person x 50 members = \$12,700

Plus an additional \$2,500 for embroidery

Nomex can not be embroidered, but those would total \$13,750

Discussion followed. NFPA standards were discussed. Mr. Story had researched the standards and found that a new standard is due to be introduced in 2014. Mr. R. Buscaglia asked the President, why the fire department does not purchased the class b's. Discussion followed. Mr. Story asked Mr. C. Buscaglia, if the Board were to approve

purchasing the uniforms, would the Board have the funds available to purchase. Mr. C. Buscaglia stated that they would. It was discussed having the Fire Company pay for the embroidery. After more discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Joshi for the board to purchase the shirts and pants at \$12,700 and the Fire Company will pay for the patches and embroidery. President Marcondes stated that he would need fire company approval, but he saw no problem with this agreement. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative. Jon thanked the Board.

Old Business: A letter was received from Kevin Keane requesting use of District Headquarters for a car wash. The Fire Company is holding a fundraising sponsoring Kevin's daughter Sara for "Centra State Medical Centers Cancer Navigator Fund". Dates requested is 9/22 with a raindate of 9/23. Discussion followed. Mr. Caruso explained that two years ago, a cheerleading group held a car wash. Tom had received numerous calls, from the Police regarding the girls by the roadway and in the roadway. After that, the Board decided and voted to stop loaning the firehouse out for these type events. Discussion followed. Being this is a fundraiser being run by the Fire Company, a motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi to allow the Fire Company & Sara Keane to hold the car was on the date requested with to provision there are no kids working the event. Kevin asked if Junior firefighters would be permitted to work, the Board agreed they could being part of the fire company. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative. Mr. Caruso asked Mr. Youssouf if the vote made two years ago stating no loaning of the firehouse would be permitted. Mr. Youssouf indicated that a amendment was not required since the firehouse is for the fire company, which would not be considered "loaning".

Discussion was held on the seconded request from Mr. Douglas requesting the firehouse on 9/8 & 9/22 for a car wash for the cheerleaders. Discussion followed. Mr. Caruso suggested that since there is a vote regarding no loaning of District, he had no problem the event taking place at Smithburg or Georgia Road. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story to allow the cheerleaders to use the Georgia Road Station on 9/8 for their car wash, with the stipulation no girls will be by the roadway, and an insurance certificate is provided to the board. It was added that this is a trial bases and if all goes well, they can hold the second one on 9/22. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Another letter was received from Kevin Keane requesting permission for he and 7 other members, to wear the District gear for the Tunnel run on 9/30. Discussion followed. Mr. Keane stated that there is no firefighting activities, simply a 5K run in which all firefighters run in their turnout gear. A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Joshi to allow the members to wear their gear. Mr. R. Buscaglia asked Mr. Youssouf if had any issue with this. Mr. Youssouf stated he did not, it was a charitable event and perfectly fine. A roll call vote was taken, all votes were in the affirmative except Mr. C. Buscaglia who abstained.

Audience: None

At 8:53pm a motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story to enter into Executive Session for purpose of discussed personnel issues. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

At 9:10pm, the Board entered back into regular session.

A contract was received for the computer maintenance for the period of August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013 at \$6,500 a year. Discussion followed. Since the Board is no happy with the service of this provider to date, a motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. Story to sign a contract for one quarter of the year at \$1,625, and

work on getting two more bids for an annual contract. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Being no further business, at 9:14pm a motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Story". The signature is stylized with a large initial "L" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Larry Story, Secy of the Board

/dlp

8/28/12

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP PROHIBITING
FIRST RESPONDERS FROM PHOTOGRAPHING PERSONS
BEING ASSISTED**

WHEREAS; On August 7, 2012 P.L. 2012, c.28 was signed into law and became effective immediately; and

WHEREAS; Chapter 28 of the Laws of 2012 provides that any first responder who takes one or more photographs or electronic images or makes a video recording of an accident victim or other person receiving emergency medical services and distributes, disseminates, or otherwise makes available through any means such photographs or images without the prior written consent of the accident victim or person receiving emergency medical services is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree; and

WHEREAS; The term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, paid or volunteer firefighter, or other paid or volunteer person who has been trained to provide emergency medical first response services; and

WHEREAS; The terms and provisions of this statute clearly apply to volunteer firefighters in service to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Freehold Township Fire District No.1; and

WHEREAS; It is the considered opinion of the Board of Fire Commissioners that it is the of paramount importance that the members of the Freehold Township Fire District No.1 be made aware of this new statutory enactment and the responsibilities imposed thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.1 Freehold Township that copies of this Resolution be distributed to all volunteer firefighters in service to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.1 Freehold Township.

Moved by: MR. STORY

Seconded by: MR. CARUSO

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.1 Freehold Township on the 28 day of AUGUST, 2012.

 Clerk