

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
PO Box #6903
Freehold, NJ 07728**

April 22, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:50pm by Chairman Thomas Caruso. The notice was read. The flag salute was lead by Chief Dan.

Roll call was taken; Mr. R. Buscaglia, Mr. Joshi, Mr. C. Buscaglia and Mr. Caruso were all present. Also in attendance were Joseph Youssouf, Donna Pujat, Chief Spicuzza, President Marconides, and other members of the fire company.

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

Correspondence: A request was received from the Fire Company for the 50th Anniversary booklet. Discussion followed, a motion as made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to take the Gold Page – Center for \$400. President Marconides noted that East Freehold Fire Company had taken the inside back cover. A rebate check was received from NJ Clean Energy for the lighting rebate in the amount of \$3,630

It was noted that an insurance certificate had been received from Crown Castle Insurance, but the Board was uncertain what it was for. Discussion was held and it was noted that it may be for the cell tower at Smithburg.

A bill was received from Freehold Township in the amount of \$85.86 for the parking lot signs. C. Buscaglia will contact the Township regarding the matter since he had been told there was no charge for the signage.

A subpoena was received for State VS Purcell. Mr. Youssouf indicated that this was a subpoena for documents/reports, not witness testimony for the Grand Jury, and he is handling it.

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

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to pay the bills in the amount of \$68,185.43 and to transfer \$75,000 from money market to checking. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Insurance: All matters are currently being handled.

Building: The Chief asked if the lights in the Chiefs office could be programmed so both sides of the room come on at one time. R. Buscaglia is to speak with Norman Electric regarding this matter.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf reported that a letter was received from Jack Purvis, Architect dated 4/21/14 recommending awarding of the District Headquarters renovation to JRD Construction in the amount of \$340,000 + \$26,000 for the mezzanine for a total of \$366,000 Mr. Youssouf prepared a resolution for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso to award as recommended, but Mr. Caruso questioned the appropriated amount of \$500,000 what does the Board so with the remaining appropriation. Mr. Youssouf stated that the Board is authorized to spend up to that amount, so if the Board wanted to authorize change orders or go out to bid for additional work, that would be fine. Mr. Caruso asked if the scope of work could be changed. Mr. Youssouf stated that it could not, any changes would need to be rebid. Discussion followed. Mr. R. Buscaglia seconded to motion to award. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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| Mr. R. Buscaglia | yes |
| Mr. Joshi | no |
| Mr. C. Buscaglia | yes |
| Mr. Caruso | yes |

Chiefs Report: Chief Spicuzza read the March report into the record.

Six month apparatus servicing is being done.

77 had emergency replacement of all belts

79 had lights installed

90 is out for aerial inspection

The rest of the hose has been ordered.

The Chief requested approval to have more warning lights added to 93 & 94. These lights would be installed on the back and sides of the trucks. Discussion followed.

Quotes had been received and the lowest price being \$1,816 for both trucks. A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to approve the Chiefs request. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Presidents Report: President Marconides reported that at the last couple of meetings, the Board had been asked to do something for the Fire Company for the anniversary. The board indicated that they could not give money, but were considering doing something like clothing and jackets. The President stated that the company was planning on doing that for the members. He added that East Freehold had taken a full page and that their Board does "a lot more" for their members. Kevin Legravenis asked if the Board could do an awards dinner of some type for the members. Jack Scheurer stated that in his personal opinion, he didn't care what East Freehold does for their members. He feels that this Board has always given the fire company what they wanted, and as a Ex-Chief and Commissioner he didn't care for that comment.

Mr. Caruso stated that the Board was going to give the membership a gift. He stated that "it will be nice and if you don't want it, don't take it?"

Old Business: Mr. Joshi reported that the keys are installed. Thursday night all codes will be given out.

Gear was discussed and noted that it will be replaced as needed, but the Board wanted an update as to what changes are being made.

There was no word on a sealed bid from Red Bank for the Stanley System.

It was noted that a "houseman" was approved to begin in July and nothing had been done yet. It was reported that the Fire Company is considering having an Engineer position which would be doing the same duties. The Board will meet with the Officers at a special workshop to discuss this. A Closed Executive Workshop meeting will be posted for Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 5:30pm to discuss the matter.

Mr. Caruso reported that physicals are being held on April 24 & 25 (Thursday & Friday of this week)

Discussion was held regarding another garage door opener for 88. Mr. Caruso will get one.

New Business: Blinds are being ordered for the entire firehouse.. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding offering the Hepatitis B Vaccine. Discussion followed. A list of members interested will first be obtained and a waiver drafted.

Audience Participation: All were reminded of the District Election to be held Saturday, 26th 2-9pm

Also, a Race for Grace will be held Saturday at Barkalow School for Gracie West, Don's West's daughter.

A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi to enter into Executive Session at 8:25pm for discussion of personnel matters. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

At 8:46pm regular session was resumed.

A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to approve a resolution by title for the installation of blinds throughout District Headquarters firehouse in the amount of \$2,730.20 A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm

Respectfully submitted:

Shyamal Joshi, Clerk (Acting for Secretary)

sj/DLP

