

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

June 23, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:15pm by Chairman Thomas Caruso. This meeting was rescheduled from June 22nd and properly advertised. The notice was read. The flag salute was lead by Chief Dan Spicuzza.

Roll call was taken: Mr. Toutouchi, Mr. C. Buscaglia and Mr. Caruso were all present. Mr. Joshi was absent and it was reported that Mr. R. Buscaglia would be late. Also in attendance were Joseph Youssouf, Donna Pujat, Chief Spicuzza, President Marcondes, and other members of the fire company.

The approval of the minutes will be held until there is a full board for approval.

Treasurers Report: The report was read into record by Mr. C. Buscaglia. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Toutouchi 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. Toutouchi to pay the bills in the amount of \$102,337.59 and to transfer \$102,000 from money market to checking. Mr. Toutouchi asked about a bill for Motorola dated December 2013. He asked why it took so long to pay this invoice. Mr. C. Buscaglia stated that a voucher had not been received with the invoice. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative. Chief Spicuzza was asked about the invoice and he stated that both the invoice and voucher were turned in. He added that many things put under the Boards door never seem to make it to the Board. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Toutouchi to install a mailbox with a lock outside of the Boards Office and one at the Chiefs Office. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Toutouchi – yes, Mr. Caruso – yes, Mr. C. Buscaglia – no
Mr. Toutouchi will check into the mailbox.

Mr. Caruso stated that there is a past due invoice from Middlesex Fire Academy for classes taken by Frank Santore. There were no vouchers completed. Donna will send vouchers out for completion.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf reported that at the recent workshop meeting, he had received approval to hire a engineering firm to prepare a survey of district hdgts for use with the planning board application. Mr. Youssouf contracted Crest Engineering who should have it done within 2-3 weeks. A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Toutouchi to approve the resolution for the survey preparation. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative. Mr. C. Buscaglia had several questions regarding Crest Engineering with Mr. Youssouf answered.

Discussion was held on other Fire Districts budgets and the new laws.
Mr. Youssouf discussed the 2% cap for firefighter and police compensation awards.

Correspondence:

An order form was received from Personal Concepts regarding the labor law postings.
Mr. Caruso stated that he had received an email from Mike Fogarty regarding the recent discussions regarding gifts for the fire company. Mr. Caruso noted that it would be held for new business.

Insurance: No report

Building: It was noted that as soon as they new survey has been completed, Mr. Purvis will submit to the township. It was noted that it is safe to say the construction will not begin prior to the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Chiefs Report: Chief Spicuzza read the May into the record.

The aerial truck is scheduled to go out for boom service.

79 is back from being repaired

95 had a problem with the warning lights on the dash. Fire & Safety suggested contacting Cummins for the repairs.

77 had the primer motor replaced

LED's on the brush truck have been done.

Full service is due to be performed in September. The Chief asked if it ok to use Fire & Safety. Discussion was held regarding the bid for truck maintenance.

It was decided that a Board member will work with the line officers to come up with the items for the servicing, and a bid proposal can be put together. Mr. Toutouchi will work with Mr. Joshi to compile the list.

Quotes were submitted for air trailer service which is all under state contract.

A quote was submitted for work on 87 and the air bottles, switches and panel.

Chief Zuccarelli reported that during the recent extrication training, ESI suggested replacing the crash bags. Quotes for items were submitted as follows:

*Extrication crash bags \$715 per bag / 3 or more at \$675

It has not been determined how many will be purchased.

*SUV Auto Cribbing 2 sets @\$1,043 per set = total of \$2,086.20

*Air Bags \$7,993 and manifolds @\$242 each

Two more quotes will be required for these.

A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Toutouchi to purchase the misc junk yard dogs that were missing, the extrication bags, and the auto cribbing. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Caruso asked the Chief about the Engineers positions which are being appointed by the Fire Company. Chief Spicuzza reported that those are: Howard Clessmere, Russell Prochnow, and Rob Douglas. Wayne Prochnow will assist until Rob Douglas is more familiar with the equipment. These positions should begin in July/August.

Chief Spicuzza reported that they have been borrowing 16-2's smoke machine to use for

training in the search room. He stated that they must return the machine and are requesting to purchase one. The cost is \$2,599.75 A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Toutouchi to approve the purchase. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Discussion was held regarding Baltimore. Six or seven members are attending. Names will be submitted to Mr. C. Buscaglia so the rooms can be booked and members registered. Mr. Caruso asked the Chief about the Stanley Tool System who reported that he is just waiting for the town to approve it.

Presidents Report: President Marcondes turned in vouchers for the work done to construction the search room at Smithburg.. These will be added to the bills for next month.

John noted that the parade is in one month. He asked about having the windows cleaned on the inside and out. Discussion followed. It was noted that the Board is working on a cleaning service, but the Chief suggested having the members get together and clean the windows. New carpeting was also discussed.

Mr. R. Buscaglia arrived to the meeting at 7:22pm

Old Business: Mr.. Caruso reported that the jackets the board were considering the purchase for the members, are very expensive jackets and getting a lot of mixed reviews from the members. Discussion was held regarding the guidelines that were set to determine who would receive the jackets. Those guidelines are: No Juniors, only regular firefighters who were in the fire company prior to 6/30/13, Associate members with 5 or more years, and had been amended to add members serving on the 50th Anniversary Parade Committee. Any members who are left out, are welcome to purchase their own jackets. As well as ladies auxiliary members. Mike Fogarty noted that he would be honest that he probably wouldn't wear the jacket and asked why the ladies were left out. Discussion followed.

Some discussion was held and it was suggested to purchase personalized blankets and a polo shirt for the juniors and the ladies. Those are 2/3 of the cost of the jackets.

Mr. Caruso noted that any decision that was made would not make everyone happy. He asked for a show of hands regarding how many members would prefer the blankets & polo's in lieu of the jackets. The votes were most for jackets. It was suggested to choose a different jacket which would be better suited for all members sizes.

A motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to look into a new type jacket. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative except Mr. Caruso who abstained.

Mr. Caruso noted that the Board is just trying to find a compromise.

New Business: A motion was made by Mr. R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. C. Buscaglia to approve the new contract to service the generators. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Discussion was held regarding getting a new LED sign in front of the firehouses. It was reported that previously the Township had an ordinance regarding the LED's, but the

ordinance had recently been changed stating that they were permitted with the stipulation that in an emergency, the Township could use it for emergency notification. Discussion followed. Mr. Caruso noted that the sign will be budgeted for 2015. Mr. Caruso reported that a meeting had been held with Nottingham Insurance and the Board is considering changing to a new company – VFIS. Mr. Caruso feels that the Board should change now and Mr. C. Buscaglia feels that the Board should wait. More discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Toutouchi to change to Nottingham immediately. A roll call vote was taken, results as follows:

Mr. Toutouchi	Yes
Mr. R. Buscaglia	Yes
Mr. C. Buscaglia	Abstain
Mr. Caruso	Yes
Mr. Joshi	Absent

Audience Participation: Chief Zuccarelli suggested not forgetting life members and Ex-Chiefs when making the “gift” purchases. The Board advised that they are already included.

Mr. C. Buscaglia reported that Mr. Joshi was out on medical with an injury. He added that he asked all to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Mr. C. Buscaglia asked that the record reflect his change in vote for the insurance company change, that being a yes vote.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Toutouchi to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted:

John Toutouchi, Secretary

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