

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Fire District No. 1  
P.O. Box 6903  
Freehold, NJ 07728**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 25, 2015**

Chairman Thomas Caruso called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:30pm. The notice was read and Chief Ken Lucas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken. Present were Joseph Colón, Shyamal Joshi, Robert Buscaglia, John Toutouchi and Thomas Caruso. Also in attendance was Rachel Davis.

**Motion made by Mr. Buscaglia to accept the July 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes.**

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

5-0 all in favor

**Motion made by Mr. Toutouchi to accept the July 28<sup>th</sup> executive session minutes.**

Second: Mr. Buscaglia

4-1 (Mr. Joshi abstains)

**Motion made by Mr. Buscaglia to accept the August 10<sup>th</sup> special workshop minutes.**

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

4-1 (Mr. Joshi abstains)

**Correspondence:**

- Emails from VFIS re: training;
- Text from Pete Valessi requesting Mr. Luongo's report;
- Bernstein Associates flyer will be hung regarding firefighters test \$595 fee;
- Letter from Speculator Volunteer Fire Department Re: offload an engine;
- Flyer from Sen. Booker/Congressman Palone Re: Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Firefighter's Grant Program Workshop

**Treasurer's Report (attached):**

Mr. Joshi read report

**Motion made by Mr. Joshi to pay the bills in the amount of \$74,509.80.**

Second Mr. Buscaglia

5-0 all in favor

**Buildings:**

Stillwells: punch list will be made

**IT:**

Firehouse software: Chief Lucas is working on it, transferring data off old computer

**Insurance:**

- Dealing with Andy Ollwerther. Chairman Caruso gave bill to Mr. Colón to take care of.
- Increased liability to \$1,000,000 each.

**Chief's Report (attached):**

Chief Lucas read report

- New pagers working good
- One incident, two police reports

**Maintenance Report (attached):**

Chief Lucas read report. Chairman Caruso asked Chief Lucas how it's going overall. Chief Lucas said it was a lot of long hours, lot of trying to find missing stuff, but all in all, not too bad. Said he reached out to Ex-Chief for help with Jr. SOG and box alarms, budgets, so the help is there. Chairman Caruso reminded him if he needed to extend anything out to Tom Luogo, just let the Board know and they will call him and send a contract to him.

Chairman Caruso asked Chief Lucas if he had any ideas what happened to the combe tool, which went missing. Chief said he looked into it, hasn't been able to figure out what happened to it. Chairman Caruso requested we file an insurance claim.

Chief Lucas also said he was reaching out to chief from Station 15, who said they will assist during Wildwood Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, until Sunday around noon. Chief Lucas will get a letter written out to the county. 16-2 Chief Nick said they are happy to help at any time.

**President's Report:**

VP Kevin Lagravis said over 42 members, hopefully, one or two more coming in this month.

**Old Business:**

(none)

**New Business:**

New door jams in between bay area need change order, because original specs didn't list them.

**Motion made by Mr. Joshi to approve change order for \$5,514.**

Second: Mr. Buscaglia

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Regarding Tahoe repair, Tahoe broke down, again. Chairman Caruso suggested we park it, as it is getting dangerous and expensive to keep on the road. Board discussed doing a silent auction. Chief Lucas said one of officers suggested (stripping it); Board said as long as it is free, otherwise, he has to submit a bid.

(Mr. Youssouf joined the meeting.)

Chairman Caruso mentioned putting a cap on the monthly gym membership, as per the advice of Jerry.

**Motion made by Mr. Joshi to put a cap on the monthly gym membership of \$50 for the active firefighters plus a one-time sign-up fee of \$150.**

Second: Mr. Toutounchi

5-0 all in favor

Board specified that it would be for active firefighters only.

**Legal:**

(not until executive)

**Audience:**

(none)

**Motion made by Mr. Buscaglia to go into executive session.**

Second: Mr. Joshi

5-0 all in favor

(8:05pm)

**(Regular session resumed at 9:05pm)**

**Motion made by Mr. Buscaglia to make a Resolution to cancel unexpended fund balances for heavy rescue truck and construction of new firehouse. Money to be put into unrestricted reserve.**

Second: Mr. Joshi

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

**Motion made by Mr. Buscaglia to adjourn meeting at 9:09pm.**

Second: Mr. Toutounchi

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

John Toutounchi, Secretary  
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