

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

Public Special Workshop

Monday, November 16th 2015

Chairman Thomas Caruso called the Public Special Workshop of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:30pm. Present were Joseph Colón, Shyamal Joshi, Robert Buscaglia, John Toutouchi and Thomas Caruso. Also in attendance were Asst. Chief Ken Lucas, Lt. Dan Petersen, and Engineer Howard Clesmere.

T. Caruso asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Terroristic Attacks in Paris and the community.

S. Joshi mentioned the water damage to the TV by the front Bay.

Motion: For 2 TVs to broadcast lamResponding and Monmouth County New CAD System, not to exceed \$3800.00

Motion by S. Joshi
Second- J. Colon

Mr. Colón: yes
Mr. Joshi: yes
Mr. Buscaglia: yes
Mr. Toutouchi: yes
Mr. Caruso: yes
Motion Passed: 5-0

Blackout certain area of the parking lot so no members or residents park there to prevent a possibility of an accident when a car vs fire truck.

Motion: Purchase a Security Controlled Access System \$50,000

Motion by S. Joshi
Second- B. Buscaglia

Mr. Toutouchi: yes
Mr. Colón: yes
Mr. Joshi: yes
Mr. Buscaglia: yes
Mr. Caruso: yes
Motion Passed: 5-0

Motion: To schedule Special Meeting for December 9th 2015 for requesting voter approval of a new brush truck and firefighting equipment not to exceed \$125,000.00

Motion by S. Joshi
Second- J. Colon

Discussion:

K. Lucas mentioned that there might be members that want to be qualified on the truck but are not comfortable driving stick or not trained. He mentioned he is looking down the road. Also stated that we do not need 2 brush trucks we would be good with just one.

T. Caruso and B. Buscaglia are concerned about the overall budget, as they want it lower. 16-1-93 & 16-1-94 are both good working trucks.

T. Caruso: Freehold Township Committee would like to see District 1 and District 2 become one but we know this won't happen now. But mentioned that is not going to happen. T. Caruso mentioned to them that he thinks we can lower the budget. T. Caruso mentioned that Joe Y. and Gerry S. are opposing of the idea and to wait to purchase it next year. T. Caruso also mentioned that if we put this brush truck through the budget he will vote "no" for the budget. T. Caruso asked for compromising, in working together.

J. Colon: If we go down this year even more, then when we want to buy it next year we will have to justify it again.

J. Toutouchi: Asked why don't we sell both we have now and keep one? T. Caruso mentioned he liked that idea.

S. Joshi: Mentioned it's all about the tax rate. Mentioned that we need it fiscally. Mentioned that we need to have a plan on apparatus replacement. It makes fiscal sense.

B. Buscaglia: Do we need 4 pumpers? K. Lucas mentioned that we do not.

Motion: Executive Session at 7:10pm

Motion by S. Joshi
Second- J. Colon
All in favor 5-0

Also in attendance were Asst. Chief Ken Lucas, Lt. Dan Petersen, and Engineer Howard Clesmere.

Motion: Adjourn Executive Session at 7:13pm

Motion by S. Joshi
Second- J. Colon
All in favor 5-0

S. Joshi: rescinded his motion

Motion: To schedule Special Meeting for December 9th 2015 for requesting voter approval for future reserve capitol not to exceed \$100,000.00

Motion by S. Joshi
Second: J. Colon

Mr. Toutouchi: yes
Mr. Colón: yes
Mr. Joshi: yes
Mr. Buscaglia: yes
Mr. Caruso: yes

Motion Passed: 5-0

Motion: To solicit resumes for a personnel record keeper for the Fire District and Fire Company

Motion: S. Joshi
Second: J. Colon

Mr. Toutouchi: yes
Mr. Colón: yes
Mr. Joshi: yes
Mr. Buscaglia: yes
Mr. Caruso: yes

Motion Passed: 5-0

D. Peterson: We made a emergency repair on 16-1-87 the shelf wasn't locked. The shelf hit the door and damaged the door track.

J. Colon: Spoke about the process of background checks. Also will be including the background check forms in the Fire Company application.

T. Caruso: All members of the Ladies Auxiliary still need to be put through background checks.

Motion to close meeting at 7:50pm

Motion: J. Toutouchi
Second: J. Colon

All in favor. 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Secretary of the Board
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