

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

Regular Meeting

June 26, 2018

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:44pm. The notice was read, and Ex-Chief Jack Scheurer led the flag salute. Roll call was taken and present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Michael Fogarty, Kevin Horan and Stephen Lengyel. Also in attendance were Board Attorney-Joseph Youssouf and Board Secretary-Rachel Davis.

Motion made by Mr. Lengyel to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2018 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Horan

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Motion made by Mr. Lengyel to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2018 special workshop meeting.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Correspondence: Mr. Horan read a letter from Freehold First Aid & Emergency Squad thanking the Board of Commissioners for allowing them to attend the harassment seminar on May 30th.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty reported that he closed the money market account (0422) at NJ Community Bank, a/k/a First Constitutional Bank on June 22, 2018 and received a bank check in the amount of \$128,589.36, which he deposited into the money market account (2545) at Ocean First Bank on June 23, 2018. The balance in NJ Community Bank as of this night is zero and will no longer be included in the Treasurer's Report. Ocean First Bank, a/k/a Sun National Bank checking account balance is \$34,229.11, and the money market account balance is \$128,589.36. The bills to be paid are in the amount of \$55,989.94.

Motion made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$56,000 from Ocean First Bank money market account to Ocean First Bank checking account and to pay the bills in the amount of \$55,989.94.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Legal:

Mr. Youssouf recommended bond counsel as soon as possible in order to purchase the pumper truck and authorize the preparation of an application to the Local Finance Board.

Mr. Youssouf then addressed the Robert Leone lawsuit and further explained the employer/employee relationship between the Board of Commissioners' and the Volunteer Fire Company and suggested that both parties act on that relationship as soon as possible. The Fire

Company works for the Board of Fire Commissioners, and there should be no debate as to the status of the Fire Company, the Board's responsibilities to them, the Board's supervisory control over them and the Fire Company's responsibilities to the Board. There should be no question as to the Board handling disciplinary matters. Mr. Youssouf then cited a case law from 1978 and said that there is no benefit legally for the Volunteer Fire Company to assert independence from the Board of Fire Commissioners. His advice was to work in harmony with the each other.

Buildings:

- Mr. Lengyel confirmed the 8 spots covered with cones in parking lot for painting.
- Mr. Lengyel is still figuring out the paint for the bay lines.
- Mr. Toutouchi confirmed that the building CAS exterior doors are working; changed locks.
- Bay doors—Mr. Toutouchi noted that drivers are leaving bay doors open when they go on a call—if members are not in the bay, close the bay doors.

Website: Up to date.

Insurance:

- Mr. Fogarty submitted audit to insurance company—last year's roster was 39 firefighters, and this year is 51, so insurance will go up this year about \$10-12,000.
- Mr. Toutouchi looking for updated active list call sheet from Chief Reifer.

Chief's Report: Chief Reifer read his report into record.

- No facial hair was reiterated to the members.
- July 3rd is Freehold Borough fireworks at track—District No. 1 will be standing by stables and providing brush truck.
- July 14th Freehold Township Day—fire prevention during day; fireworks at night; providing brush truck all day.
- Quotes for a 2019 Tahoe from Mall Chevrolet base price \$34,550. Mr. Toutouchi said the Board has to discuss, will get a co-op number and keep in touch with the Chief.
- JC Emergency Lighting price quote for \$15,899 to outfit the Tahoe.
- Conversion of 98 to fix radio console—take center seat out and replace with console is \$700. Chief confirmed with Mr. Toutouchi that this was not a life safety matter.
- Board gave Chief permission to go ahead and strip everything from the Expedition for \$500. Some lights will be kept in stock; using the radios.
- Chief gave the Board a list of active members.
- Mr. Fogarty asked about the MDT's. Chief will be meeting within a week or two about the same.
- Wayne will keep his laptop, because he is helping out with the call sheets. Chief will keep the Board advised as to when the laptop and phone can go to John Burmeister.
- Physicals: Mr. Toutouchi gave a list to Chief Reifer, naming those who took their physicals, pending physicals and those who will be getting a notification for not taking their physical.
- Inventory: Mr. Toutouchi asked Howard Clesemere an estimated time that inventory will be completed. Mr. Clesemere did not have an exact answer. Board will check with Chief Lucas by the second week of July.
- New Members—Starr McKenna, Matthew Rueben; and Dan Spicuzza is back as an active member.
- No status on storing the truck from Steve Poland.
- Mr. Toutouchi advised the Chief about the food stock festival on October 13th; Board approved for them to use the facilities.

- **IamResponding:** Mr. Toutouchi requested that Chief Reifer make sure that every member is on.

Captain Dan Petersen reported that 94 was fixed and back in service; 86 air trailer compressor service filters done; air pack on bench that needs to go out for repair service; 90 temporary fix, but the outrigger pin pad needs to be replaced—waiting on a quote; 87 refrigerator door ripped off—taking refrigerator out completely; 77 mirrors quote from FIS to move to 79 for \$600; 76 seatbelt sensor being replaced under warranty.

Fire Company: Vice President Lagravis requested time in executive session with the Board.

Mr. Toutouchi advised Mr. Lagravis that he gave the Township Clerk's office the Fire Company contact information for the school board elections.

Mr. Toutouchi also gave the insurance adjuster the information about the Leone matter.

Mr. Fogarty advised Mr. Lagravis about the Fire Company's payment schedule for the fiscal year according to the Township payments to the Board (2nd quarter, 3rd quarter and two payments in the 4th quarter).

Old Business: (none)

New Business: The Board reviewed blacking out parking spots to make it more accessible for trucks to get in for safety concerns. Mr. Lengyel confirmed the spots to be blacked out. Board will give two weeks for members to practice with the cones and then finalize after Chief Reifer's recommendations.

Audience: Jack asked if the old tanker was dropped from the insurance. Board said it was dropped. Member asked if the Board ever looked into grants. Mr. Fogarty suggested raising that question with the Fire Company.

Motion made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters at 8:47pm.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 9:44pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Lengyel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46pm.

Second: Mr. Horan

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Horan, Secretary
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