

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

Regular Meeting

January 22, 2019

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:33pm. The notice was read, and Chief Reifer led the flag salute. Roll call was taken and Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty, Kevin Horan and Stephen Lengyel. Also in attendance were Board Attorney-Joseph Youssouf and Board Secretary-Rachel Davis.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2018 regular meeting.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Motion was made by Mr. Story to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2018 special workshop meeting.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Motion was made by Mr. Story to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019 special workshop meeting.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read his January 22, 2019 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$38,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$37,096.21.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Legal: Mr. Youssouf continued the open public meeting by reading the 2019 Adopted Budget Resolution into record. Mr. Youssouf then opened the floor to the public for any comments or questions:

Jack Scherer, 4 New Castle Road: What was the previous budget when it passed?

Commissioner Toutouchi stated that the last budget, which was passed in 2016, was in the amount of \$1,100,000. Commissioner Fogarty explained that if the last two budgets had passed, there would have been a slight incremental of 2% each year. Since the budget was voted down two years in a row that is why this year's proposed budget seems so much higher. There are also some new capital expenditures (ex. Chief's car, generator, rescue retro fit, etc.), which are added to this budget. Mr. Youssouf concurred and added that this is a classic case of a public

agency trying to play catch up due to the two defeated budgets and now being burdened by two major bonding events.

There were no further questions from the audience, and for the record, no one outside the fire company was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to approve the 2019 Adopted Budget Resolution.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Youssouf stated that the budget has been passed, so now he will prepare the ballot for election. February 16th is the election. The polls will be open between 2-9:00pm. Mr. Youssouf will produce the absentee ballots mandated by the County Clerk's Office, using Reliance Graphics. The Commissioner up for election is Commissioner Kevin Horan. The ballot will consist of: (1) The budget question: Shall the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of Freehold Township be authorized to expand \$1,726,000 in tax year 2019 with \$1,641,000 the amount to be raised by taxation; (2) Fire Commissioner 3-year term: Kevin Horan; (3) 2nd truck.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to close the budget discussion.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Insurance:

- Mr. Fogarty said Kirk is coming to the next workshop meeting to answer questions about the new insurance. A copy of the policy will be provided to the fire company.
- Mr. Toutouchi said everyone has the emergency cards.

Website: Up to date.

Buildings:

- Water break in the hallway at district. Mr. Lengyel cleaned it up, but stressed that something must be done to correct the matter. The Board discussed repair options to avoid further problems and decided on temporary repairs until March, when the budget is approved.
- Clean Air Company coming out to fix the plymovents.
- Brick in the back is gone.

Officer's Report:

Chief Ralph Reifer read his report into record.

1st Asst. Chief Dan Spicuzza had nothing to report.

Board asked Chief Reifer if 2nd Asst. Chief Haas ordered the pagers. Chief Reifer will call Chief Haas after the meeting to confirm that he ordered ten pagers.

Captain Dan Petersen read his report into record. 87 is out of service. Board discussed.

Mr. Toutouchi asked Chief Reifer to follow up with 1st Lt. Frank Santore to have the inventory by the end of the month.

2nd Lt. John Burmeister: progress.

Fire Company: President Neil Timo announced that the newly elected Vice President is Michael Vota and the Secretary is Rachel Mitzelman. Mr. Timo commended Mr. Lengyel for doing a good job in taking care of the water leak.

Mr. Toutouchi asked Chief Reifer if the lights will be taken down when the weather warms up. Chief will tell Lt. Santore to get a couple people.

Old Business:

- Chief Reifer talked to Station 15 about getting rescue truck out of Smithburg.
- Ex-Chief Wayne Prochnow's laptop will be returned February 1st. Mr. Story asked for the Chief to e-mail the Board when that is done.
- Physicals: CentraState dropped the cost from \$295 to \$185, so we will continue with CentraState for now.
- Captain Petersen advised the Board that they should be receiving e-mail about truck being ordered. Board thanked him for going to the finance board meeting. By Thanksgiving it should be lettered, delivered, tools mounted, radios would have to be installed. Maybe in service by December or 1st of the year.

New Business: Mr. Story has a list for the members, who made their 50 points for the LOSAP program, as submitted by Chief Reifer.

Motion was made by Mr. Story that the 20 members are paid for on the LOSAP list.

Second: Mr. Horan

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Sexual Harassment Class is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 18th. Freehold First Aid offered to accommodate the meeting at their facility. Board discussed using Smithburg.

Audience:

Jack Scherer asked about the contents of the closet being reported to insurance for damage. John Cantenacci asked about the shelf life of the contents as well. 1st Lt. Dan Spicuzza mentioned that Sintox was supposed to come in and restock the first aid kits.

There being no further business, Mr. Horan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Horan, Secretary
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