

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

**Special Workshop Meeting**

**June 11, 2019**

Chairman John Toutouchi called the special workshop meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:41pm. 2nd Asst. Chief Craig Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Michael Fogarty and Stephen Lengyel. Also present at the meeting was Board Secretary-Rachel Davis.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Fogarty read his June 11, 2019 Treasurer's Report into record.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$104,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking account and pay the bills in the amount of \$103,850.70.**

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 3-0 all in favor

**Buildings:** Commissioner Lengyel reported that the fence in the back (by the dumpsters) was fixed.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Lengyel read the 2019 Certification of Amounts to be Raised by Taxation to Support the 2019 Fire District Budget, which was provided by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs.

**Physicals:** Commissioner Toutouchi advised the Line Officers that we are two weeks until deadline of June 24th for physicals or gear should be pulled.

(Commissioner Story joined the meeting at 7:44pm.)

**Board of Commissioners and Fire Company Working Together:** Mr. Toutouchi clarified the statements made by Board Attorney-Joe Youssouf at last month's meeting regarding the importance of the Board of Commissioners and the Fire Company working together. Some of the examples are:

- Truck cleaning—the Board needs to be notified if someone from the outside public comes in to clean the trucks.
- The Board needs to be a part of meetings that involve the Board's property (trucks, buildings, etc.).
- Zero tolerance for driving/riding on a Freehold Township Fire District 1 vehicle/apparatus with alcohol in their system. Also, members are not supposed to "respond" to the firehouse with alcohol in their system, being that the Board is liable for them since they are responding to a dispatched emergency. 1st Lt. Frank Santore questioned going to the bar but not drinking. Board members stated that it is fine, and that it is all about perception. The Board reiterated for the record that there is a zero tolerance for doing anything related to Fire Operations with alcohol in their system.

**Car Washing:** Mr. Toutouchi discussed the current car washing for the Chief's cars and was concerned about spending \$700 extra for tire shine and wax. Commissioner Fogarty also expressed his concern. Board discussed the different package options and decided to table the matter until the next meeting.

**Kitchen Update:** Cabinets were ordered, and the first down payment has been made. Commissioner Story indicated that he will pick out the flooring and also requested that Chief Reifer organize people to start cleaning out the kitchen. Board discussed a dumpster.

**Nashville Training Conference:** Board requested that 1st Lt. Frank Santore provide them with a complete list of members who will be attending the conference. Commissioner Lengyel confirmed that he would be going to represent the Board.

**LOSAP:** Mr. Story stressed the importance of a discussion being held at the next meeting in order to make corrections on LOSAP.

**Matawan Parade:** 1st Asst. Chief Spicuzza stated that June 22nd is the Matawan parade. So far, one engine will go. He wants to get the (Monmouth County Sheriff's) inmates in to wash the truck for the parade. Board requested that they get fire coverage for the town while they are at the parade.

**Chief's Vehicles:** Chief Reifer said one vehicle should be here tomorrow, and the other should arrive on Saturday. Mr. Toutouchi confirmed with both Chiefs that they will check both trucks before signing off.

**16-1-88 & 98:** Chief Reifer notified the Board that 88 should be back at Georgia Road and, hopefully, 98 will be back at District by Saturday.

**16-1-77:** The posting is coming up this week. Mr. Toutouchi said if anyone wants to see it, they should call Commissioner Lengyel to take them over to Smithburg to view it.

**Asbury Park Antique Truck:** Chief Reifer noted that Asbury Park Fire Department dropped their antique truck at Smithburg.

**Freehold Borough's Rescue Truck:** Chief Reifer said they might be up there now trying to start it. Mr. Story reported that he has been sending them messages.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive at 8:19pm.**

Second: Mr. Lengyel

4-0 All in favor

(back from executive at 9:14pm)

**There being no further business, Mr. Lengyel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14pm.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

John Toutouchi, Chairman  
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