

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO 1
FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP, NJ

Regular Meeting

February 16, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Thomas Caruso.

The flag salute was lead by the Chief, and roll call was taken as follows: Larry Story, Robert Buscaglia, Roger Keim, Charles Buscaglia and Thomas Caruso were all present. Also in attendance was Joseph Youssouf, Donna Pujat, Chief Luongo and other members of the Fire Company.

A motion was made by C, Buscaglia and seconded by R. Buscaglia to approve the minutes of the January meeting as prepared with one correction. The correction being that the insurance premium was \$45,965. A roll call vote was taken, all votes were in the affirmative, except Mr. Story who abstained.

A motion was made by R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Keim to approve the minutes of the January Executive Session meeting as prepared. A roll call vote was taken, all voted in the affirmative except Mr. Story who abstained.

Correspondence: A bid on hose testing was received and it was noted that two additional prices are required.

Treasurers Report: Mr. C. Buscaglia read the report into record. A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia, to approve the report as presented. All present, voted in the affirmative. A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia to pay the bills in the total of \$182,015.31, and to transfer \$182,000 from Money Market into checking. The motion was seconded by Mr. Story. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Insurance: Mr. C. Buscaglia noted that next month, the premium will be due for the workman's comp policy, and the following month will be LOSAP.

Building: Mr. R. Buscaglia stated that he is waiting for prices on the laundry room and for electrical work. Duckett & Laird made heating repairs. Water filters are needed for Georgia Road station.

R. Buscaglia also reported that all three generators were tested. The Georgia Road unit is out of service with a blown panel and being repaired. Smithburg is out of service because the battery charger was not working. District Headquarters unit was fine. The Chief commented that during the recent snow storm, there was a two hour power outage, and the unit worked well.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf reported on the upcoming District Elections. On 2/19 the voters lists will be ready and must be picked up, on 2/18 the voting machines will be delivered. A resolution was produced for the temporary budget. The resolution was presented for the policy for drug testing. Discussion followed regarding the particulars of the police. It was noted that the FF classifications suggested/outlined by Access Health will be the guidelines the Board will use. A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Buscaglia to approve the resolution adopting the drug testing/physical policy as outlined. A roll call vote was taken, all voted in the affirmative.

A motion was made by R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to approve the resolution signing contract with Access Health Services for the District physicals. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative. Discussion followed that a handout will be copied and distributed at the next company meeting to each member. The Chief will see that each members receives a copy.

Mr. Causo asked that it be made perfectly clear to every member that Access Health will determine the classifications by result of the physical.

Chiefs Report: Chief Luongo read into record the Chiefs reports from January.

16-1-77 had bald front tires, and both were replaced.

87 hit a curb and broke a seal which was repaired

76 had rear warning lights out, they are on order

The Chief reported that he and Bob BUscaglia dropped equipment off for the new truck for installation and went over lettering

87 is back from P&L with a few changes still in need of being done

Knox Boxes have been ordered for the trucks by the Twp Fire Bureau in the total of \$13,000 for both Districts. These units are being purchased from the Bureau's penalty fund.

On January 6th there was a snow storm which required a snow standby There were only a couple of calls On January 10th another storm required in-house standby with 17 calls.

On February 17th there will be a Stanley Tool training The Chief invited the Board to attend.

President's Report: None A message was sent by Mr. Story that AJ's baby was ill and he would not be in attendance.

Old Business: Mr. Caruso indicated that the December minutes had not been approved. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by R. Buscaglia to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative, Mr. Keim abstained.
A letter and copy of the resolution awarding Access Health will be sent.

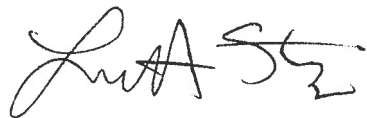
Chief Luongo reported that on April 17th a retirement party will be held in honor of former County Fire Marshal Tim Smith. The Chief asked if the Board would purchase a table for the dinner. Discussion followed. C. Buscaglia asked Mr. Youssouf if that could be done. Mr. Youssouf indicated that the Fire Company should purchase the table and the Board could be reimbursed.

New Business: None

Audience participation: None

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by R. Buscaglia to close the meeting at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Story', written in a cursive style.

Larry Story, Secretary

2/16/10

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING
A POLICY OF MANDATORY DRUG TESTING AND PROHIBITING
THE USE AND OPERATION OF DISTRICT VEHICLES AND
EQUIPMENT BY ANY FIREFIGHTER WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE
OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS**

Whereas; The Board of Fire Commissioners is charged with the statutory responsibility of providing fire protection/fire suppression services to the residents of Freehold Township Fire District No.1; and

Whereas; In order to fulfill its statutory obligations, the Board contracts with the Freehold Township Independent Fire Company and provides fire fighting equipment, apparatus and all required training to all personnel; and

Whereas; The equipment and apparatus provided by the Board to its firefighters is of the highest quality, costly and often complex to operate, requiring extensive training and specialized skills to operate effectively in emergency situations; and

Whereas; The Board believes that all firefighters have a responsibility to the public to behave responsibly and act professionally while performing firematic duties; and

Whereas; It is a well established and commonly known fact that the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or controlled dangerous substances and drugs impairs the judgment, motor skills, coordination and cognitive abilities of individuals who consume them; and

Whereas; It is the considered opinion of the Board of Fire Commissioners that the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the use of drugs and/or controlled dangerous substances by firefighters prior to their operation of fire equipment and apparatus is inimical to the public safety, dangerous to coworkers and inappropriate; and

Whereas; By virtue of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.1 et. seq. the members of the Freehold Independent Fire Company, which contracts with the Board of Fire Commissioners, operate "...under the supervision and control..." of the Board; and

Whereas; N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.1 vests the Board of Fire Commissioners with supervisory authority of its volunteer firefighters and permits the Board to adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary and appropriate to protect the public health, safety

and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.1 Freehold Township as follows:

A. There is hereby established and declared a "**ZERO TOLERANCE**" policy regarding the use of controlled dangerous substances by Volunteer Firefighters of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

B. All fire personnel shall submit to drug and alcohol tests on an annual basis and as a condition of continued service as a volunteer firefighter.

C. No member of the Freehold Township Independent Fire Company shall operate or use any equipment or apparatus owned by the Board while under the influence of alcohol or after having consumed any controlled dangerous substance or drug of any nature which impairs their cognitive abilities, motor skills, judgment or perception or which is proscribed by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-1 et. seq. the "Comprehensive drug Reform Act of 1987" as amended and supplemented.

D. If, during the operation of any motor vehicle or apparatus owned by the Board of Fire Commissioners that vehicle or apparatus is involved in an accident of any kind or nature whatsoever, the driver or operator of said vehicle shall be given a blood alcohol test to determine if said operator was operating said equipment while under the influence of alcohol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution be posted on the official bulletin board of the Board of Fire Commissioners and distributed to the membership of the Volunteer Fire Company.

Moved by: L. STORY Seconded by: B. Buscaglia

Roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstention: 0

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No.1 Freehold Township on the 16 day of FEB., 2010

Roger [Signature], Clerk

1/19/10

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP AWARDING
A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ACCESS
HEALTH SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS; On September 21, 1998 the State of New Jersey adopted NFPA Standard 1582 entitled, " Medical Requirements for Fire Fighters" which standard incorporates Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134); and

WHEREAS; The above referenced regulations require that all firefighters who utilize Self Contained Breathing Apparatus during the performance of their duties must be periodically tested to insure that they can safely utilize SCBA equipment; and

WHEREAS; Compliance with the above referenced standards is mandatory and public employers who fail to comply with the standards may be subject to substantial fines and penalties; and

WHEREAS; The Board solicited proposals from health care providers who are qualified and capable of providing the required examinations and who can maintain the records required by said regulations for the mandated period of time; and

WHEREAS; Access Health Systems submitted a proposal for the provision of physical evaluations required by the above referenced regulations; and

WHEREAS; The services to be provided are professional services and will be rendered by members of a legally recognized and regulated profession of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS; A contract for professional services may be awarded without benefit of public advertisement and solicitation of competitive bids in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS; Adequate funds exist in the current or previously adopted budget of the Board of Fire Commissioners to fund this proposed contract award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.1 Freehold Township that a contract for the provision of physical examinations be, and the same is hereby awarded to Access Health Systems

622 Georges Road Suite #202 North Brunswick , N.J. 08902.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Access Health Systems by the Clerk of the Board and that a notice of professional contract award be published in the official newspaper of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Moved by: *R. Buscaglia*

Seconded by: *L. STORY*

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: *5* Nays: *0* Absent: *0* Abstain: *0*

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Roger Klein, Clerk