

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

Regular Meeting

May 18, 2010

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

Notice was read, the flag salute was lead by the Chief and roll call was taken; Mr. Story, R. Buscaglia, Mr. Keim, C. Buscaglia, Mr. Caruso were all present. Also in attendance was Joseph Youssouf, Chief Luongo, Donna Pujat and other members of the Fire Company.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to approve the minutes of the April meeting as prepared. A roll call vote was taken, four votes in the affirmative, Mr. Story.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Caruso reported that he received numerous emails from residents who had been made aware of the hours and service extended by the Fire Company during the storm which occurred on March 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Caruso again commended the Officers and members on an outstanding job. A letter was received indicating that two of the members originally registered for the course on ropes and rescue were unable to attend.

A letter was received from Pop Warner requesting to hold car washes at District Headquarters on August 21<sup>st</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed, and a motion was made by R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to allow the car washes as long as certificate of insurance is available and someone from the Fire Company is on stand-by during the event. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

**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 \$24,806.66, and to transfer \$25,000 from Money Market into checking. The motion was seconded by Mr. Story. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

C. Buscaglia also reported that the annual audit had been completed. He added that the format is entirely new this year and the entire process took well over a week. The report will follow.

**Insurance:** Mr. C. Buscaglia reported that an updated membership list had been forwarded to the insurance company.

It was reported that AJ Story had received another outstanding bill from CentraState. C. Buscaglia indicated that he had just met with Peter Jeffery's days prior and Peter advised that all bills were paid. The bills in question had been forwarded to H&M earlier in the week anyway.

**Building:** Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that alarms at Smithburg are again being checked.

Mr. Caruso had checked into the cable box memory card and found that the entire box must be turned in and switched out. The cards and boxes are matched up, and once a card is gone, the box is non-functional.

Discussion was held regarding cable for Georgia Road Station. Mr. Keim will make arrangement to have cable installed.

Bob Nagy has been contacted to do the grass maintenance at Georgia Road.

**Legal:** Mr. Youssouf presented a resolution which had been approved by the Board by title for the awarding of a contract to Ford National Automart, Inc. for the purchase of the Chiefs vehicle.

Mr. Youssouf also discussed a package of bills for budget cuts he had received from the Governors Office. He added that these bills will have a large impact on the Fire District's budgets. He will keep the Board posted of status.

**Chiefs Report:** Chief Luongo read into record the Chiefs reports from April. The Chief reported that three members graduated from the MC Fire Academy. Three members completed training at Middlesex Fire Acad for ropes rescue. The Chief reported to the Board that during a recent company response, the light at Redwood Lane & Rt 537 was left blinking after being activated by the pre-emption system.

Air packs have been ordered.

Back-up camera in 90 has been installed.

The Chief asked the status of a computer for the chiefs office. R. Buscaglia reported that he is awaiting a call.

Chief Luongo asked, when going to Harrisburg if R. Buscaglia could look into plasma cutters. He added that there had been two fatals in the last month/

R. Buscaglia reported that the tanker would be delivered on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. He added that if the truck committee approves the trucks delivery, the Board could give the company a check.

**Old Business:** A motion was made by C. Buscaglia and seconded by R. Buscaglia to amend the Change Order #1 for the Opticom System as follows: Fit two intersections, those being: Hutchinson & Wemrock and Jackson Mills & Georgia Road, and supply and install equipment of two new vehicles, those being new chiefs vehicle and tanker.

The Chief reported that all went well with the physicals. The Board is waiting for the results. Letters will be sent to the members who were not present and did not receive the physicals. Discussion followed. Also discussed was the

drug testing. The testing will be done without notice on a meeting night. Any member who refuses the test will be suspended and any member who tests positive will be immediately kicked out.

**President's Report:** The Vice President was in attendance and indicated that he will try to attend more meetings. The Board asked that he pass on to the president a message regarding the gym bills. Bills must be turned in after a 90 day membership. The Board has received vouchers for bills 12 months old. Anything older will not be paid if not presented in a 90 day period.

**New Business:** A motion was made by R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Caruso to purchase seven new chairs for the board table in the meeting room. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative. Discussion and decision regarding a new board table will be held until cost of the chairs is determined.

**Audience participation:** None

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to close the regular meeting at 8:25 A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Story". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Larry Story, Secretary

May  
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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP AWARDING  
A CONTRACT TO FORD NATIONAL AUTOMART, INC./  
MOTORS FLEET FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1 CHIEF'S VEHICLE**

**WHEREAS;** The Board of Fire Commissioners solicited sealed bids for the purchase of ONE (1) new model year 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4, or equivalent motor vehicle, for use as a Fire Chief's Command Vehicle; and

**WHEREAS;** On the date and at the time fixed for the receipt of sealed bids only one bid was received, said bid having been submitted by Ford National Automart, Inc./ Motors Fleet of 900 Hwy. 35 Ocean, N.J. with base bid amount of \$27,089.00 and a trade-in allowance of \$11,350.00 thereby reducing the purchase price to \$15,739.00; and

**WHEREAS;** The bid was reviewed for completeness by the Board and by the Chief of the Freehold Independent Fire Company and the Board has determined that the bid submitted by Ford National Automart, Inc. is the lowest responsible bid; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.1 Freehold Township that a contract be, and the same is hereby awarded to Ford National Automart, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of one new Chief's Vehicle in the amount of \$27,089.00 minus the trade in allowance of \$11,350.00 resulting in a final purchase price of \$15,739.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the the successful bidder by the Clerk of the Board.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No.1 Freehold Township on the 18 day of May, 2010.

Roger Kern, Clerk