

Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
Freehold, NJ 07728

Regular Meeting

June 15, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Thomas Caruso. The notice was read. Flag Salute was lead by the Chief. Roll call was taken. Larry Story, Robert Buscaglia, Charles Buscaglia, Roger Keim and Thomas Caruso were present. Also in attendance was; Joseph Youssouf, Donna Pujat, Chief Luongo, and other members of the fire company.

A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Keim to approve the minutes of the May 2010 meeting as prepared. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Correspondence: A letter was received from a local Ice Hockey team requesting use of the firehouse for a car wash fundraiser on September 10th, with alternate dates of September 17 & 24th. Discussion followed. It was noted that Pop Warner has already requested use of the firehouse on September 18th which was approved. Mr. Caruso will check on the dates, since all dates requested are Fridays.

C. Buscaglia reported that the insurance audit was completed and went well. He stressed that seat belt use is going to be a key item for the coming year. He reported that the insurance company was pleased with the "housekeeping". He also added that the rates will more than likely go up for 2011.

Treasurers Report: The report was read into record. A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Keim to approve the report as presented. A vote was taken, all presented voted in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia to pay the bills in the total of \$457,246.50 and to and to transfer \$438,000 from money market into the checking account. Large items included the tanker, air packs and quarterly payment to the Fire Company. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Insurance: Mr. C. Buscaglia reported that all vehicles are registered and insured. The Workman's Comp Audit was completed. He added that all went

well, although it was mentioned that there were two or three injuries reported, in which medical care was not followed. It was suggested that these incidents not be reported unless medical attention is required.

He added that this year the LOSAP policy went up \$10,000 and next year another increase taking the premium to a total of \$90,000

The Board can expect an overall insurance increase of 5-8%

Building: Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that the a/c in the Board room does not seem to be functioning properly. He will contact Duckett & Laird for service.

The Georgia Road septic was pumped.

There was a motor repair performed on the front door of 79 and repairs were made on an emergency basis.

Mr. Keim reported that he contact cable about supplying cable service to Georgia Road Station. They stated that they could, although the cost would be \$4,675 or higher. Discussion followed. Mr. Keim will contact Verizon for another estimate.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf indicated that he is concerned with the projected insurance increases, since there will be a 2% cap on Fire District budgets next year. Discussion followed.

Mr. Youssouf questioned the audit report. He added that the Board is very overdue on submission to the State.

Mr. Youssouf reported on a bill which would move the Fire District elections to November. A letter was drafted by the League of Municipalities opposing the bill.

Chiefs Report: Chief Luongo read into record, the May report.

The Chief reported that all firefighter classifications were in, although not all members had received physicals yet.

Ten air packs are in. Knox Box holders were installed. The Fire Prevention Bureau paid for all units for both districts out of the penalty fund. The total purchase was \$30,000.

The David Clark system on 78 was not working and to be checked.

The new tanker was out for a/c repairs. Discussion was held on the actual repairs.

Chief Luongo asked about the status of the computer, and Mr. R. Buscaglias reported that he hadn't heard anything yet.

The Chief reported that more squeegees are needed for the floor. Discussion followed and it was noted that the large ones may no longer be available at Tomar.

A price was received for rear lights on the tank, that being in the total of \$1,000 Discussion followed regarding this being a necessary safety feature.

R. Buscaglia will provide the Chief with the name of the company to purchase protective suits.

Chief Luongo reminded the Board of his Chiefs party and they are all welcome to attend.

Old Business: Mr. Caurso reported that the physicals are done, and there is a list of those members still in need. Letters will be sent to the following members: Michael Vota, Andrew Prochnow, Joseph Nero, Kevin Legravenis, Christopher Lach, Steven Horsch, and Andrew Goonetilleke and Zack Caruso. These members will be advised to contact Mr. Caruso for other physical schedules in the area.

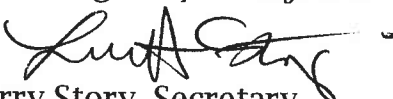
New Business: Discussion was held on having a survey of the electric done at District headquarters. Currently the monthly bill is running \$1,000 +/- A suggestion was made to check into solar panels. A motion was made by Mr. Keim and seconded by Mr. Story to have a survey of electrical performed.

At 8:05pm, a motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. C. Buscaglia to enter into Executive Session for personnel matters. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

At 8:39pm, the regular meeting session resumed.

Audience: None

Being no further business, a motion was made by C. Buscaglia and seconded Mr. R. Buscaglia by to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Respectfully submitted;


Larry Story, Secretary