

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

**Regular Meeting**

**November 27, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:31pm by Chairman Robert Buscaglia.

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

Minutes are tabled until everyone has the opportunity to review them.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Treasurers Report:** Mr. C. Buscaglia read the report into record A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story to approve the report as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative. A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to pay the bills in the total of \$45,658.40 and to transfer \$42,000 from Money Market into checking. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

**Insurance:** Mr. C. Buscaglia advised the Chief that any Ladies Auxiliary member who will be driving any District vehicles, must provide a copy of their drivers license, which will be submitted to insurance for a look up.

**Building:** Mr. Joshi reported that the heater in the bay for 16-1-76 must be repaired. The thermostat is on order and will be done as soon as possible. He also noted that he just found out the lights in the call room are out. Norman Electric will be coming to the firehouse for some other maintenance and will check on that. It was also reported that since the storm, the security system keeps going into the trouble alarm mode. This will be researched by the installers. They will be meeting Mr. Joshi next week. A manager and technician will be coming out.

Mr. Joshi also reported that the internet is down. He will contact Tech Support he believes it is a networking problem. Problems still exist with the Georgia Road phones. Service will be called again.

**Chiefs Report:** Chief Prochnow read into record, Chiefs reports from October. The Chief reported that during the hurricane there were 76 calls and during the snow standby there were 70. He added that during both storms, all of the members did a great job. He was very proud of each one. He also thanked the Board for providing the food throughout the standbys. The Chief reported that after the hurricane, word was put out to the community that donations would be accepted. He said that the response was overwhelming. The Ladies Auxiliary worked very hard organizing, sorting and helping deliver the supplies where needed.

During the storm, a new chain saw was purchased.

Hose testing was done. Lost 10 links of hose, mostly 5”.

Ross Caruso and Dan Hurbey a new members.

Gas meters & voltage detectors were received and installed.

Mr. Joshi reported that the lock for the sign outfront is broken. A new lock will be installed. Kevin Legravinis reported that he contacted the Township about the possibility and rules regarding new signs. Electronic signs are permitted as long as they don't scroll or flash.

Generator was replaced on 87 and now the unit can be serviced. It was suggested to have the scene and tower lights retrofitted with LED lights which take some of the demand off.

90 went to Foley and came back with a punch list of items, which some may go back to the previous service company. Discussion followed.

Asst Chief Zucarelli reported that the base station is in, just waiting on delivery of the keypads then installation can be scheduled.

Ladder testing is to be scheduled.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mr. Caruso requested that a thank you letter be sent to World Gas for the loaning of the u-haul truck. Tom will get the name and address to Donna.

Mr. Caruso stated that during the snow storm, the firehouse lot didn't get plowing until 3:30-4:00am. Chief Spicuzza stated that the Township was toally unprepared for this storm. They didn't expect that much snow, and by the time they called crews in, it was already 3:00am or after. Discussion following regarding the Board purchasing a snow plow. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi to purchase a plow not to exceed \$7,000 A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

**President's Report:** None Chief Prochnow noted that the President has all the food bills from the storm stand-bys.

**Legal:** Mr. Youssef noted that an Executive Session will be needed for the purpose of personnel issues.

Mr. Youssef offered into record, two resolutions. 1- Scheduling a Special Meeting to be held December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00pm for the appropriations of capital reserve funds for the improvement of the District Headquarters Firehouse not to exceed -----

2. A resolution authorizing a Bond Referendum for the purchase of a pumper not to exceed \$650,000 Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi approving both resolutions. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Caruso to enter into Executive Session at 8:28pm

The regular meeting of the Board was resumed at 9:58pm

***Audience:*** None

Being no further business, at 9:59pm a motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Story, Secy of the Board

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