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

Special Workshop Meeting

August 8, 2017

Chairman Joseph Colón called the special workshop meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:30pm. Present at the meeting were Andrew Story, Shyamal Joshi, Thomas Caruso, John Toutounchi and Joseph Colón. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also in attendance.

Board discussed the following matters:

Selling Tanker Truck: Robert Buscaglia joined the meeting. Board reviewed the options in detail with Mr. Buscaglia about keeping or selling the truck.   Mr. Buscaglia then left the meeting.

Chief Prochnow joined the meeting and further discussed with the Board the options of keeping or selling the truck. Chief Prochnow requested that if the Board decides to sell, let him know ahead of time so that he can set up mutual aid coverage.

The Board weighed all options and considered the facts of keeping or selling the truck:
- For safety, it needs tires (has original tires from 1985) and maintenance to get it back up to operation, which would be a substantial amount of money
- Shortage of drivers
- Operationally, it hasn't been on a call in the district in six years
- Low mileage/garage kept
- Smithburg protection issue

After much discussion, the Board concluded that it is in the best interest to sell the tanker truck and begin making plans to move forward with the purchase of a new truck. For now, the Board will see what offers come in.

Physicals: Progress.

PT: Going good.

SOG's: Working on.

Pagers: No response yet.

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Motion made by John Toutounchi to go into executive session at 8:00pm to discuss personnel matters.
Second: Tom Caruso
5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 8:50pm)

Board discussed maintaining records (call sheets/house books) with Chief Prochnow. Chief then left the meeting at 9:00pm.

Board summarized the meeting.

Motion made by Sham Joshi to adjourn the meeting at 9:16pm.
Second: John Toutounchi
5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

John Toutounchi, Secretary
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