

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

Regular Meeting

September 26, 2017

Board Chairman Joseph Colón called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:30pm, the notice was read and Chief Wayne Prochnow led the flag salute. Roll call was taken: Andrew Story, John Toutouchi, Shyamal Joshi, Thomas Caruso and Joseph Colón were all present. Board Attorney-Joseph Youssouf and Board Secretary-Rachel Davis were also present.

Chairman Colón noted that the meeting would be shortened and encouraged all to attend the Township's recognition of Drew Lubber at 8pm.

Motion made by Mr. Joshi to approve the regular minutes from the August 22, 2017 meeting, as edited.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Motion made by Mr. Joshi to approve the executive minutes from the August 22, 2017 meeting.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Motion made by Mr. Joshi to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2017 special workshop regular meeting.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 (Mr. Toutouchi abstained)

Treasurer's Report (attached):

Read into record by Mr. Joshi.

Motion made by Mr. Joshi to pay monthly bills for September 2017 in the amount of \$96,871.56.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 (Mr. Caruso abstained)

Mr. Joshi reminded everyone that there is a moratorium on spending. All purchases must be approved in writing unless there is an emergency.

Officer Reports:

The Chief's report was submitted into record by Chief Wayne Prochnow (attached). Chief mentioned Open House this Sunday between 12-4.

Chairman Colón will get more food stock information by the end of the week.

Lieutenant Dan Petersen submitted his maintenance report into record (attached).

2nd Asst. Chief Ken Lucas' report was submitted into record.

Correspondence:

- Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine letter thanking Fire Company for the use of the bays at Siloam Road to store hurricane relief donations.

Legal:

Mr. Youssouf discussed introduction to budget schedule. Budget meeting must occur no later than December 19, 2017, and our meeting is on December 26, 2017, so it will have to be done at a workshop meeting. Advertisement for Public hearing must occur no later than January 6, 2018. Public hearing deadline is January 16th, and final deadline for adoption is January 23, 2018. February 17, 2018 is the election.

Board signed the Resolution Authorizing Member Participation in the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission; Resolution Accepting the Bid of James O'Halloran for the Purchase of the 1985 Mack Tractor/Tanker Fire Apparatus; as well as the Resolution Declaring One 1985 Mack Tractor and Heil Trailer Excess Property and Authorizing Sale at Auction.

Audience:

Msgr. Sam Sirianni, Rector of the Co Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine thanked Freehold Independent Fire Company and Freehold Township Fire District 1 Board of Fire Commissioners for the use of the building and bay space during Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Msgr. stressed that his team looks forward to working together with the Fire Company to collect goods for Hurricane Irma in Florida as well.

Motion made by Mr. Joshi to go into executive session at 7:46pm for the purpose of discussing lawyer/client privileged material and litigation.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 7:55pm)

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Joshi to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Second: Mr. Caruso

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

John Toutouchi, Secretary
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