

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
330 Stillwells Corner Road
Freehold, NJ 07728**

Regular Meeting

October 25, 2022

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:02pm. Chief Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty, Phil Engel and Stephen Lengyel. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting. Board Attorneys-Richard Braslow and Neil Braslow attended the meeting via teleconference.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the October 25, 2022 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$20,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$19,574.03.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Insurance: Mr. Toutouchi confirmed that insurance covered Eric Schneider's helmet. Also, he requested the police report from Chief Haas regarding Josh's car accident on the way to the fire call.

Buildings: Mr. Lengyel reported that the Georgia Road roof was fixed. Mr. Fogarty will check with insurance on fixing the gear room and then will advise Mr. Lengyel how to proceed.

Website: (up to date)

Legal: Mr. Braslow discussed the special meeting requirements with the Board and also reported that:

- He sent a memo to the Board regarding the budget election timeline.

- The Board must adopt a resolution setting forth compensation.
- The Fire Company Agreement was sent to the Board for review.
- The membership criteria was sent to the Board for review.

Fire Company: Chief Haas reported that the:

- Services for the apparatus are taking place;
- Extinguishers have been serviced;
- Chargers for the new portables in 87 have been installed; the radios are not in right now, batteries must be conditioned;
- County is getting closer to trunk radios.

Chief Haas briefly reviewed his budget items with the Board.

Board discussed Fire Company contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Lengyel to approve the Fire Company Agreement, subject to the review and acceptance by the Fire Company.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Old Business: January 1st is the new date for the harassment class for refresher and for new officers/members. As new members come in, Board agreed that they should have physicals, harassment and background check within thirty (30) days.

New Business: (none)

Audience: (none)

Motion was made by Mr. Story to go into executive session at 7:34pm to discuss personnel matters.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 8:18pm)

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to adopt the resolution for an increase in compensation to the Board of Commissioner Treasurer to \$10,000 and \$9,000 for the remaining Commissioners for the year 2023.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Board reviewed the capital items with Mr. Braslow:

- Generator, not to exceed \$150,000;
- Building Security System, not to exceed \$80,000;
- Rescue Airbags, not to exceed \$17,000;

- Rescue Hydro-Ram, not to exceed \$15,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to change the next Board of Commissioners' meeting to Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 7pm (instead of Tuesday, November 8th) and also to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 6-9pm, to seek voter approval for the purchase of capital projects.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Story will set up the two Monmouth County Board of Election employees. Mr. Braslow will prepare the notice and the ballot and send to the newspapers and Township Clerk. Mr. Engel will post the notice in five public places, ten (10) days prior, take pictures and write down the postings.

There being no further business, Mr. Lengyel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Engel, Secretary
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