

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

Regular Meeting

May 23, 2023

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7pm, and Lt. Celano led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty and Stephen Lengyel. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the May 9, 2023 regular and executive minutes.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 3-0 all in favor (Mr. Toutouchi abstained.)

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the May 9, 2023 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$15,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$14,455.64.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Buildings: Commissioner Lengyel reported that someone knocked down the telephone pole at Georgia Road. The power is off, and there is an issue with the generator. He asked where the trucks can be moved temporarily for the next couple days. Board discussed where to relocate them without interfering with other vehicles. Lt. Celano will check on it and report back to the Board.

Mr. Lengyel also discussed the balance of the repairs needed at the District. Mr. Fogarty will send a note to the Architect-Jack Purvis.

Chief's Report: Lt. Celano reported the following:

- Three members were removed from the Fire Company for percentages. Two of them appealed, and one was kept in. They are working on getting some gear back.
- Erik is working on new pagers. Commissioner Fogarty noted that he reminded Captain Schneider that there is a budget. Commissioner Story inquired about the grants offered to fire departments and will research (with Commissioner Engel) and get back to the Board.
- Some gear was ordered.
- He will forward information on HAAS Alert, which sends an alert to phones/cars letting them know that there is an emergency scene up ahead. He will forward the information if the Board is interested.

Insurance: Commissioner Toutouchi addressed the issue of inactive fire members not being allowed to respond to fire calls. A discussion was held about workman's compensation. Mr. Fogarty noted that

the by-laws state that workman's compensation is only for active, responding firefighters. Associate members would be covered under liability insurance, not workman's compensation.

Mr. Toutouchi also noted that the one-year terms for physicals are up. He will send a message to all those who apply.

Website: (up to date)

Old Business: (none)

New Business: Commissioner Story discussed the possibility of having ID Badges made in-house, as opposed to spending the money to outsource. He obtained one quote for an ID Badge Printer and is currently trying to get two more quotes that offer identical services.

Commissioner Fogarty needs to find out everyone's availability for a meeting with the Township, as per the emails.

Mr. Story said that the LOSAP discussions will resume when the Township meeting is over.

Audience: Natalie Celano (346 Stevens Way, Freehold, NJ) thanked the Board of Commissioners for allowing her Relay for Life team to use the firehouse for their car wash this past Sunday. They raised \$850 for the American cancer society. Miss Celano also thanked the firefighters for getting their cars washed and their donations. A special thank you went to Josh Olin, who stayed the whole time and helped with washing cars.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive at 7:35pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

4-0 all in favor

(back from executive 7:47pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Lengyel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

John Toutouchi, Chairman

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