

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

Regular Meeting

January 23, 2024

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:00pm, and Chief Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi and Phil Engel, while Commissioners Andrew Story and Michael Fogarty joined the meeting via teleconference. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Engel read the January 23, 2024 Treasurer's Report into record on behalf of Commissioner Fogarty.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to transfer \$167,710 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking as well as a wire transfer in the amount of \$519,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Freehold Township account ending in 4619, and to pay the bills in the amount of \$686,710.28.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty acknowledged the large numbers and clarified that we are not renewing with Freehold Township, therefore, we are paying them back. Instead, we applied for a BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) with Monmouth County Improvement Authority (MCIA), which will close the beginning of February.

Mr. Fogarty also noted that there are three big payments the first of the year—two truck bonds and a LOSAP payment.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to approve the regular and executive minutes from the January 9, 2024 meetings.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Correspondence: (none)

For the record, Commissioner Engel read the individuals running on the ballot in the election for the two upcoming open Commissioner positions, as follows: John Catenacci, Jonathan Dunberg, Michael Fogarty, Richard Frascati, Ronald Osadacz, Jr. Commissioner Story confirmed that he arranged for the poll workers and two machines.

Buildings: Mr. Toutouchi reported that we are still waiting to hear from Commissioner Lengyel on what is going on with the plymovent. Commissioner Engel will follow up with Commissioner Lengyel. Controlled Access to the buildings is working.

Chief's Report: Chief Haas reported the following:

- 90 going to Fire & Safety for tire rotation, check front end ball joints, shocks;
- Recall on 90 for harness has been completed;
- 76 HVAC blower motor issue still going on, may have to go to Fire & Safety;
- 85 bad batteries and bad alternators, should be fixed today;
- Chief's vehicle went to Chevy and will go back to East Coast to check lights, trim work;
- Holmatro tools/hose on reels replaced;
- Maintenance schedules on all vehicles will be set up;
- Getting quotes on failed hoses;
- Extinguishers are going out to be filled;
- Still waiting on five pagers;
- Gear check is this week;
- Gear cleaning, as per new NFPA standards, first week in February for active firefighters;
- Replacing expired helmets;
- Next meeting will discuss gear comparisons;
- Mercedes hose delivered in April;
- Getting pricing for two LEL meters.

Commissioner Story requested the names of anyone else going on the training so that he can book the airfare. Chief Haas will confirm.

Fire Company: President Keane is looking for the members' life insurance policy. Commissioner Fogarty will try putting it on a USB drive for him since it is a large file.

Mr. Toutouchi confirmed that he sent out a reminder email to the Chief, President and Ladies' Auxiliary President for whoever hasn't completed the harassment class by next week.

Audience: (none)

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to go into executive session at 6:13pm for personnel reasons.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 6:33pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Engel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm.

Second: Mr. Story

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Engel, Secretary
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