

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

**Regular Meeting**

**October 22, 2024**

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:00pm and led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Michael Fogarty and Phil Engel. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present, and Board Attorneys-Richard and Neil Braslow both attended the meeting via teleconference. Mr. Braslow read the meeting notice.

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Fogarty read the October 22, 2024 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 \$9,383.84.**

Second: Mr. Engel

3-0 all in favor

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2024 regular meeting.**

Second: Mr. Engel

3-0 all in favor

**Legal:** Mr. Braslow talked about the upcoming budget. Dates to keep in mind are to introduce the budget at least 60 days prior to the election (December meeting deadline); the public hearing should be no less than 28 days after introduction, and then adopt the budget 25 days prior to the annual election.

Mr. Braslow needs to know how many seats are open at the election. Mr. Toutouchi will send him the information.

**Buildings:** Commissioner Engel reported that all the lights have been changed, all the outlets have been repaired in the bay, and he will get a price on the sensor for the door.

**Old Business:** Mr. Toutouchi reported that the Laura Donovan school will be using the District bathrooms for their Trunk or Treat.

The Board discussed various ways to dispose of 16-1-88 (after the June 2024 motion). Mr. Braslow added that the Fire Company cannot sell it, unless the proceeds go to the District. It also cannot be given away to a private person, unless it goes out for bid. The matter was tabled until a determination could be made.

Chairman Toutouchi suspended the meeting at 6:21pm, while he waited for those who responded to a fire call to return.

Chairman Toutouchi resumed the meeting at 7pm. Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Michael Fogarty and Phil Engel. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present, and Board Attorneys-Richard and Neil Braslow both attended the meeting via teleconference.

Commissioner Toutouchi advised Chief Haas that 16-1-88 will be cut and used for an extrication drill. The Board then talked about putting the plow on 86, if it will fit.

Commissioner Fogarty advised Chief Haas that RedMNX wants to start live on November 2, 2024. Mr. Toutouchi advised that the Board wants to start registering for fingerprints. Kiosks will be installed by the desks.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Haas reported that the preventative maintenance is done. Pump and ladder testing will be this week; hose testing will be next week.

Commissioner Story and Commissioner Dunberg joined the meeting at 7:17pm after returning from a fire call.

**Motion was made by Mr. Engel to go into executive session at 7:20pm for personnel reasons.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

5-0 all in favor

(back from executive 8:10pm)

Board reviewed the Chief's budget, which must be approved tonight.

**There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.**

Second: Mr. Engel

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary

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