

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO 1
FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP, NJ**

Regular Meeting

November 15, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:32pm by Chairman Robert Buscaglia.

Notice was read, the flag salute was lead by Asst. Chief Spicuzza. Roll call was taken; Mr. Story, Mr. Caruso, Mr. Keim, C. Buscaglia, R. Buscaglia, and were all present. Also in attendance was Joseph Youssouf, Asst. Chief Spicuzza, Donna Pujat and other members of the Fire Company.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the minutes of the October 2011 meeting as prepared. Roll call vote was taken, all voted in the affirmative.

Correspondence: A quotation was rec'd from Signal Control Products for the control devices to be installed at the intersection of Route #537 & Gravel Hill Road. This will be held until new business.

Treasurers Report: Mr. C. Buscaglia read the report into record. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story, to approve the report as presented. All voted in the affirmative to approve.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to pay the bills in the total of \$27,481.04 and to transfer \$30,000 from Money Market into checking. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Mr. Buscaglia reported that the 2012 budget should be ready in the very near future and a special meeting will be scheduled between now and the next meeting scheduled for 12/20

Insurance: Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that about three weeks ago, a letter was received from the Twin Lights, the company making the repairs on the apparatus damaged by a falling tree. They requested a \$35,000 advance to purchase parts. The Board has not heard form them since, although they did advise the Chairman that the repairs would total \$90,000 - \$92,000

Building: Mr. Keim reported that he received another quote for the men's room dividers at District from Atlantic Bathrooms -\$1,400 He also requested a quote from another contractor with no response. The previous quote was Surf Construction for \$15,720.

Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Keim and seconded by Mr. Caruso to hire Atlantic Bathrooms to do the men's room work only at \$1,400

Chairman Buscaglia reported that the light in the front of the firehouse kept going out, but the bulb was replaced and seems fine. He is also waiting for a price quote from Norman electric to install timers at District for the parking lot lights.

Mr. C. Buscaglia reported problems with the access on the south side door. It needs a new closure, and that work will be done. He also reported that Smithburg's alarms are a mess. Sensors #17 & 19 keep going off. They were checked and seem to be ok for now. Certification of alarm testing was received for District, and waiting on Smithburg and Georgia. Once those are received, the annual fire inspection can be scheduled with Shaun.

It was noted that there several outstanding permit inspections needed to be done with the Township. C. Buscaglia walked the buildings with the electrical inspector and cleared those up. Now, plumbing on the boiler and a final for the wall construction are required. Donna will let the inspectors in to perform the finals.

Chiefs Report: Asst Chief Spicuzza read into record the report from October.

He reported that service has began on the trucks, 79 is cone.

He also reported that extinguisher testing was done. Water ext needs to be ordered for 95.

All new air packs are installed on the trucks. He advised that he will log all of the serial numbers from the old bottles. He commented that the members did a great job helping get the packs in service. Chairman Buscaglia advised the Chief that he did an excellent job and thanked him for all of the work.

R. Buscaglia reported that quotes were received, under State Contract as follows:

The convert 10 packs from 2.2 to 4.5 \$1,289.60 per pack = Total \$12,896.00

To purchase 20 air bottles - \$733 per bottle = Total \$14,660

To complete the project, the total price would be \$27,556 State Contract #A76370

Discussion following. A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Caruso to convert the 10 packs in the total of \$12,896.00 A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story to purchase the 20 additional bottles in the total of \$14,660 A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Chairman Buscaglia advised Chief Spicuzza to go ahead and retrofit the 10 packs and order the 20 add'l bottles. He asked that the Chief be sure two separate invoices and vouchers are submitted.

He also asked that the chief get a price for 10 add'l bottles for after the first of the year. Asst Chief Prochnow requested that Chief Spicuzza advise the Board that hose testing will take place the day after Thanksgiving.

The reported that the computers are very slow and none of the printers are working. Discussion followed.

The Chief also asked the Board if the water suits are being kept or being returned. Chairman Buscaglia advised they would be kept for use during future storms.

Legal:

Mr. Youssouf advised the Board of a recent Court decision in which residents in Tinton Falls, NJ received a 2.5 million settlement shared between JCPL & The local fire department. In 2007 the fire department had responded to a wires down call. The