

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

Regular Meeting

June 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Robert Buscaglia.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Keim to approve the minutes of May 11, 2011 meeting as prepared with two spelling corrections, those being Christopher Lach's name and Nadine Gazics name which were both misspelled. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Correspondence: A letter dated May 20th from a concerned resident of Riviera Estates was received regarding their concern with parking on the streets within the complex. Mr. Youssouf advised that this letter has no bearing on the Board since it is a private community.

A notice was received that there is a credit with Granger, due to a tax deduction on one of the invoices recently paid.

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 \$74,074.43 and to transfer \$70,000 from Money Market into checking. Large item was payment to the Fire Company in the amount of \$20,000 A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Mr. Buscaglia further reported that the audit will begin on June 22, 2011.

Insurance: A tow bill was received from P&L.

Building: Mr. Keim reported that the new boiler was installed at Smithburg and inspected. Norman Electric to be contacted regarding parking lot lights out.

A price quotes was received for painting, that being

Bruce Norman \$1,625

Quote was received for alarm maintenance for the three locations, quote being \$420.00 each location per year.

The pool table still needs to be removed from the firehouse.

R. Buscaglia asked Asst Chief Spicuzza about the Ex-Chief and Ex-Presidents plagues. Dan reported that they needed to be picked up, and Mr. Buscaglia asked that it be done.

Chiefs Report: Chief Luongo read into record the Chiefs reports from May. The Chief reported that extrication drill held on June 4 & 5th went well, all became certified. He thanked the Board for the meals those days.

Discussion was held regarding setting a date to go to P&L to see 85.

16-1-68 needs work. The spider gear needs replacement/repairs. The Board advised to Chief to have the work done.

Chief reported that he got price quote from Halmatro for a big spreader in the amount of \$8,539. After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. C. Buscaglia to proceed with the purchase. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Further discussion was held regarding the purchase of air packs. \$155,000 was in the budget, but voters authorization was not received for the purchase.

During the budget preparation, certain items needed to be relocated. Now under the approved budget, items which had been moved can not be purchased without voters approval which was not received during the District Elections.

Discussion followed regarding legal options to proceed. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Story to approve a resolution to hold a Bond Referendum for voters approval on August 20th. Approval of \$250,000 for bonds, notes and/or lease plan for the following:

\$180,000 for Scott bottles – 32 units

45,000 for Lap top tough book computers

25,000 Truck refurb 16-1-85

6,000 RIT / rescue equipment

A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

The Chief again comments on how well the physicals went, although three members remain without ; Chris Lach, Gordon Prochnow Jr. and Dan Caporielle. Discussion followed regarding sending them letters. After further discussion it was decided that the Chief and Vice Chairman Caruso will speak with the members, and letters will follow if they do not comply.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf gave a copy of the resolution prepared at the last meeting establishing an administrative policy regarding, administrative leave. Mr. Youssouf asked about progress of establishing a website. The Board is looking into it.

President's Report: President Story was unable to attend due to work. No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion was held regarding painting the meeting room. Discussion followed, Mr. C. Buscaglia requesting that the Board hold off.

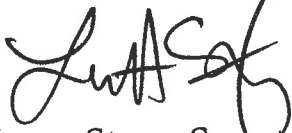
The Board authorized Mr. R. Buscaglia to sign the contract for alarm maintenance/service for the year, for all three locations in the amount of \$420 per location with CSS Alarm.

Mr. Story reported that he and Mr. R. Buscaglia got prices for furniture for the TV Room, 2 love seats, coffee table, end tables totaling \$3,869.00 Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Keim to purchase the furniture. It was noted to the Officers that they should relay to the membership, at any time if it is found that the furniture is being abused, the room will be locked

Audience participation: Jack Scheurer first asked about a check for his gym reimbursement, and Mr. Buscaglia did have the check. Mr. Scheurer also asked why the Chief does not get notified of his budget approval and why can't the Chief spend the money he appropriated. Mr. Yousouf explained the workings of the District Budget and procedures.

Being no further business, at 8:47pm a motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Caruso to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Story', written in a cursive style.

Larry Story, Secretary