

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

Regular Meeting

December 18, 2012

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

Notice was read and the flag salute was lead by Chief Prochnow. Roll call was taken; Mr. Story, Mr. Joshi, Mr. C. Buscaglia and Mr. R. Buscaglia, were all present. Mr. Caruso was absent. Also in attendance was . Joseph Youssof, Chief Wayne Prochnow, President Marcondes, Donna Pujat and other members of the Fire Company.

A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr.Caruso to approve the October minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative. The November minutes will be tabled until next month.

Correspondence: Mr. C. Buscaglia reported that new insurance cards were received and forwarded to the Chief.

A copy of a resolution dated 11/20/12 was received from Freehold Township for the interlocal agreement for the fire prevention program educators in the amount of \$8,333.

Also, a resolution also dated 11/20/12 for the use of fuel at the township facility.

Treasurers Report: Mr. C. Buscaglia read the report into record A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to approve the report as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.. A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to pay the bills in the total of \$60,449.96 and to transfer \$60,000 from Money Market into checking. Large items are: \$20,000 to Fire Company and \$6,000 to auditor. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. C. Buscaglia added to the report from the auditor was received. No recommendations or comments. It was noted that the bid threshold was lowered to \$17,500 from \$21,000 Discussion was held on top vendors and the possibility of needing to go out to bid for services and repairs on apparatus.

Chiefs Report: Chief Prochnow reported that the November Chiefs report is not ready. The hose testing has been done.

87 had repairs done and in good shape

90 is being worked on.

All apparatus is good for now.

Officers for 2013 are the same

Asst Chief Spicuzza is working on water rescue equipment.

No word on base radio

The Chief has copies of two drivers licenses for the Ladies Aux members and will be getting more.

The Chief reported that they are hoping the donations will now stop. The Ladies will be sorting and boxing the remainder and clearing the bay.

Discussion was held on a kink found in the winch cable.

Insurance: It was noted that Jensen had damage to his vehicle from a falling limb, during the storm at Georgia Road Station. No one had received an official report and it was not reported to the insurance. R. Buscaglia will talk to Jensen. The Chief reported that Eric Kaufman, John Burmeister and Frank Priola can be removed from the insurance.

R. Buscaglia asked if anything has to be done by when a member who is vested leaves the company. There is not, they have to make the decision take lump sum or wait till age 60 and collect monthly. It is up to member to keep the insurance company up to date on their address.

Building: Mr. Joshi reported that thermostat in the bays was changed.

The vent in the door of the dispatch room was closed and seems to be warmer.

Heaters in bays for 76 and 77 are being changed.

Bulbs were changed in the tv room.

Chief Prochnow reported that the shower drain is clogged. Mr. Joshi is to call Robbies Plumbing.

Norman changed the lights in the Chiefs office.

Discussion was held regarding the problems with the Verizon lines.

Mr. Buscaglia stated that the new generator for Smithburg will need to go out to bid.

Generac, diesel, 100 gallons and bids to be received January 22nd meeting. Discussion was held.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf stated that the special meeting for authorization of District Headquarters alterations/addition in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 is being held. Mr. Youssouf stated that anyone wanting to vote, must sign in. Six people signed in. Mr. Youssouf asked anyone approving the appropriation for the building state I. All I votes documents.

A resolution was offered, which had been adopted by title for the bond referendum for purchase of Class A Pumper in the amount not to exceed \$650,000 A roll call vote wall taken, all present voted in the affirmative, except Mr. Joshi who abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to approve the audit report as received. All present voted in the affirmative. Discussion followed regarding the bidding of repair and maintenance service on the apparatus. It was decided that the Board would look into the possibility of hiring someone as Engineer to see that all service and repairs are performed as needed.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to accept the resolution approving the 2013 budget in the amount of \$1,442,800 A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Youssouf noted that the closing date for nominating petition is January 22nd. One petition has been received for the one seat, that being from Mr. Caruso.

President's Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion was held on the plague for 87. C. Buscaglia is to handle.

Mr. R. Buscaglia stated that new chairs are needed for the meeting room. Many are cracked and broken, and an accident waiting to happen. Mr. R. Buscaglia will look into chairs.

Mr. Joshi reported that sizing is done for class b's/

Audience: None

Being no further business, at 9:17pm a motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. C. Buscaglia to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Story, Secy of the Board

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