

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

Regular Meeting

June 26, 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. Caruso, Mr. Joshi, Mr. C. Buscaglia and Mr. R. Buscaglia, were all present. Also in attendance was Joseph Youssouf, Chief Prochnow, Donna Pujat and other members of the Fire Company.

A motion was made by Mr. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Joshi to approve the May minutes as presented. Mr. .C. Buscagalia noted that the minutes incorrectly noted Dan Petersen as Asst Chief. His title is Lieutenant. A roll call vote was taken, Mr. Joshi, Caruso, a, Mr. C Buscaglia and R. Buscaglia voted in the affirmative and Mr. Story abstained.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Complete Security regarding the trouble alarms being received at Smithburg.

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. 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 \$137,773.53 and to transfer \$127,000 from Money Market into checking. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

Building: Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that after a recent storm, the fire alarm was activated and could not disable it. After checking, it was found that the power panel was hit and not working. Mr. Joshi contacted CSS and repairs were made. Damage was due to power surges. Mr. R. Buscaglia suggested putting surge protection on the alarm system. He will contact CSS or Norman Electric for pricing. Mr. Joshi reported that the a/c is leaking in the Chiefs office and hallway. Mr. Joshi will contact Duckett & Laird. Mr. Joshi also reported that IAM responding is up and working.

Chiefs Report: Chief Prochnow read into record, Chiefs reports from May. Permission was asked for purchasing canvas covers to replace the diamond plate covers on 79. Prices had been received as follows: P&L \$2,700, Fire & Safety \$1,764.29 It was noted that P&L would do the work at their facility, and F&S would perform the work in house. A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Joshi to have the work done by Fire & Safety pending verification of the work. Roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

79 had a problem with the door, which is not repair yet, waiting on a part.
76 has had air leaks for some time. Discussion was held regarding air lines on the trucks.

**At 7:09pm - Mr. Caruso left the meeting for another obligation.

The Chief noted that the Bowers system was now surplus. Mr. R. Buscaglia asked for a letter stating same.

Chief Prochnow reported that he believes it is time to upgrade the officers phones. The current phones are outdated. He noted that they are not able access IAM responding or the internet. Mr. Joshi noted that he had checked with Verizon, three phones could not be updated until November. All others could be done now. Discussed followed. The Board thought all phones were obtained at the same time. Mr. R. Buscaglia will check into it with Verizon.

Chief Prochnow thanked the Board for their cooperation while he was on medical leave. 87 will go to P&L to have brow lights checked.

76 has air leaks, the pump shift and air brake buttons in the dash are not working. The parts are ordered for the pump shift and the dash buttons are repaired.

78 has five air leaks. It is 90% repaired, and parts are on order.

It was reported that v-pod and turbo repairs were repaired. Also within 6-12 months, the turbo will need replacing. Discussion followed. Mr. R. Buscaglia asked Lt. Petersen to get prices for that.

Lighting upgrades are being scheduled.

90 is 50% complete.

78 will go out next for backup cameras.

Chief Prochnow asked about the purchase and use of helmet cameras. He noted that they would be used for training. Mr. Youssef indicated that in training it would be fine, but if used in actual fire incidents, the tapes could be subpoena for court use.

Discussion followed, it was agreed for training purposes they would be useful. Lt. Petersen prices could go from \$129 to \$280 per unit. They are NFPA rated up to 500 degrees, waterproof, hi def, memory cards and USB Cable. Mr. R. Buscaglia requested a demonstration first.

The Chief reported that the starter is beginning to go in 16-1-67. Discussion followed. Dan will get some prices.

Discussion was held regarding the parking problem at district. It was decided that yellow lines marked "firemans parking only" may solve the problem. Dan will check with the Township about the striping. Mike Fogarty suggested that Smithburg be done also.

****Mr. Caruso returned to the meeting at 7:53pm**

Extrication classes had been scheduled for the week on June 18th had been cancelled due to the extreme heat, and rescheduled for October.

It was reported that the bay door for 90 does not always come down. Mr. R. Buscaglia will call the door company.

Legal: Mr. Youssef reminded the Board that by February the District's website must be fully operational. He added that any District who does not comply, will probably not have their budget approved. Mr. Youssef also reported that October 1st will be changes to the bidding threshold. He noted that the Board may need a Certified Qualified Purchasing Agent on staff. He indicated that this is an actual certification held and cost approx \$15,000 - \$17,000 annually as a part time position.

President's Report: Vice President Fogarty noted that previously, the insurance company came in to discuss firefighters coverage. He advised them that he would get the information out to them, although to date, this information had not been received. Mr. R. Buscaglia will check with the insurance company.

Also, Mr. R. Buscaglia asked if the Class B Uniform had been pulled yet. Mr. Fogarty indicated that he didn't believe they had. Discussion followed. Mr. C. Buscaglia noted that he felt the original statement was not true as far as the uniforms not being NFPA

regulation. Mr. R. Buscaglia noted that the uniforms must be pulled, and not worn. Lt. Peterson noted that if someone gets burned wearing any clothing under their bunkers must be wearing them incorrectly. This will checked into.

Old Business: Mr. Joshi reported that 36 ID cards have been completed and 16 more are to be done. Mr. Joshi also reported that he checked into EX Pass. The service is free to the fire district. Discussion followed on how many should be obtained. The Chief requested one for every vehicle. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. Story to obtain one for each apparatus. A roll call vote was taken, results as follows:

Mr. Story	yes
Mr. Caruso	yes
Mr. Joshi	yes
Mr. C. Buscaglia	no
Mr. R. Buscaglia	abstain

New Business: Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that he feels it may be time to consider modifying the firehouses. He noted that new pumpers are getting longer in size. He suggested extending the bays and making additional storage space.

Mr. Youssouf indicated that the Board should meet with the architect. The project will need voters authorization, so the project should be worked on now, in order to be ready for February's Board Election. A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. Caruso to set a meeting with Architect Jack Purvis prior to the next meeting. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Discussion was held regarding the problem with the phone line at Smithburg. Verizon is saying they find nothing wrong. Mr. R. Buscaglia suggested having a new line put in.

Being no further business, at 9:08pm a motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Caruso to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Story, Secy of the Board

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