

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
PO Box #6903
Freehold, NJ 07728**

November 26, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Thomas Caruso. The notice was read. The flag salute was lead by Chief Wayne Prochnow.

Roll call was taken; Mr. Story, Mr. R. Buscaglia, Mr. Joshi, Mr. C. Buscaglia and Mr. Caruso were all present. Also in attendance were Donna Pujat, Chief Prochnow and other members of the fire company.

A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by Mr. Joshi to approve the October minutes as prepared. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Ms. Johanna Parks of the Bethel AME Church, Missionary Society, inviting the Fire Company to a dinner honoring community service. Mr. Caruso stated this letter will be forwarded to the Fire Company and posted for anyone who wishes to attend.

A bill was received for medical claim for Jensen. Donna will again forward this bill to Holmes & McDowell for processing.

Treasurers Report: The report was read into record by Mr. C. Buscaglia. A motion was made by Mr. R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Story to approve the report as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to pay the bills in the amount of \$133,573.30 and to transfer \$122,000 from money market to checking. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative. Mr. Story asked if it was necessary to approve the fiscal year report prior to posting on the website, but it does not require approval.

Insurance: It was noted that some members received statements from American General Life Insurance regarding policy cash value. Discussion followed. Mr. C. Buscaglia will check into these statements and what they are.

Building: Mr. Joshi reported that there were two bids for the generator. This are being reviewed and the company that provides the largest rebate will get the job. Discussion followed.

Mr. Joshi reported that the IAM responding system was installed at Smithburg and Georgia Road Stations, but the large screens are not in service yet.

Mr. Joshi reported that IT issues are being worked on. The FAX line in Chiefs office is working and a new printer/fax machine will be purchased for the office.

Chiefs Report: Chief Prochnow read the October report into the record. The Chief provided a letter regarding surplus lights, aed's etc, Tire for the brush truck were done under state contract. 90 is out of service, for a bad turbo. Cameras that were ordered are being installed. The gear has been ordered. Ladders were tested and the boom certified. Mr. R. Buscaglia noted that any ladders which did not pass must be destroyed. The Chief requested the purchase of ten more gear racks for Georgia Road Station. Discussion followed. Bryan Zucarelli is to get three quotes. A motion was made by Mr. R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Joshi that once three quotes were obtained, the units could be ordered. All voted in the affirmative. Radios were ordered but not in yet. Chief Prochnow asked if any bills had been received for a cleaning product from a company in Florida. He stated that he had received a call from a company asking for payment. It was noted that the product had not been purchased should any invoices arrive. Chief Spicuzza reported that the first aid kits are seriously outdated. Discussion followed. The Chief will find out where to purchase the kits, install and have monthly maintenance performed by that company. Light bar on 78 is done. Scene lights are done on 87

Presidents Report: President Marconides asked for permission to decorate the firehouse. The Board agreed.

John also stated that at 8pm the Fire Company will receive a proclamation at the Township Committee meeting for the anniversary, he added that Firefighter Cantanucci would be receiving a proclamation for performing life saving CPR and added that the Board is welcome to attend.

It was reported that Operation Santa would take place on December 21st starting at 1pm

The Santa Run Gift Fundraiser will take place on December 14th.

Old Business: Mr. Story reported that the website is up to date.

New Business: Mr. C. Buscaglia introduced the 2014 budget, that being \$1,614,000 with \$948,400 to be raised by taxation and a tax rate of .032 . The statement was read into record. A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by R. Buscaglia to approve the budget as introduced. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Adoption will be held on December 17th

Chief Spicuzza noted that each year Wegmans of Manalpan donate candy canes for the santa run. He would like permission to thank them on the firehouse sign. The Board agreed.

Audience Participation: Kevin Legravinis noted that for three years they have been asking about the heat in the dispatch room at district. Mr. Caruso noted that the board will look into it. Discussion followed that they really don't know what the problem is.

Chief Prochnow asked if the snow plowing of gthe firehouses is still to be done by Freehold Twp. Discussion followed. Mr. R. Buscaglia will contact the Township to check into that.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. C Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Joshi to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Story, Secretary