

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

**Regular Meeting**

**March 26, 2013**

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 Chief Wayne Prochnow, Donna Pujat and other members of the Fire Company. Board Attorney Joseph Youssouf was also not in attendance.

A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. Story to approve the minutes from the February meeting as prepared. . A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative except Mr. Joshi who abstained.

A motion was made by Mr. Story and seconded by C. Buscaglia to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 Workshop Meeting. A roll call vote was taken, all present voted in the affirmative.

**Correspondence:** A notice was received from CSS Complete Security regarding the alarm problem.

**Treasurers Report:** Mr. C. Buscaglia read the report into record A motion was made by Mr. Joshi 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 \$137,282.88 and to transfer \$115,000 from Money Market into checking. Large items are LOSAP payment of \$84,000 and Fire Company payment of \$27,000.

**Insurance:** Mr. C. Buscaglia reported that all is well and the insurance premiums have been paid.

**Building:** Mr. Joshi reported that the toilet at Georgia Road Station has been replaced. Phones are backordered. The garage door is disabled. The part is on order and should be repaired soon.

**Chiefs Report:** Chief Prochnow read into record, Chiefs reports from February. Chief Prochnow reported that 90 is out of service for a transmission problem. R. Buscaglia reported that he spoke to them this date, and the truck should be ready for a road test for Thursday. He added that during the towing, the trucks front outrigger was damaged. It will take three weeks for parts delivery. Mr. Buscaglia

advised the Chief to expect to be without the truck for the next month and a half. Mr. Buscaglia further reported that he advised the truck company that he wants a UL test prior to returning the truck to us.

Chief Prochnow reported to the Board that Taylor Rounds joined as a regular member and Anthony Santiago should be upgraded from a Junior member to a regular member.

66 needs new tires. R. Buscaglia advised the Chief to go ahead and get the tires. Discussion followed, it was noted that he should go to Edwards Tires.

The Chief asked if it was ok to begin purchasing. Wayne requested to purchase 29 flashlights. Prices are as follows:

Emergency Equipment	\$4,378.88
Galls	\$3,972.71
Tasc	\$4,421.05 & Freight

A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. Story to approve the purchase at \$4,378.88 with Emergency Equipment.

Discussion was held regarding paint damage the the Chief's car. After discussion, R. Buscaglia advised the Chief to get the car re-painted, with no body repairs at Kens Auto Body.

Chief Prochnow advised the Board that his Chiefs Party is April 6<sup>th</sup> and the Board is invited.

**President's Report:** Vice-President Fogarty was presented at the meeting. C. Buscaglia asked about the status of the paining at Smithburg. Mr. Joshi advised that the President was to have quotes for the meeting tonight. The Vice President had no knowledge of this, so the painting issue was tabled.

**Legal:** Mr. Youssof was not in attendance. Legal was tabled.

**Old Business:** Mr. Story reported progress on the generator.

**New Business:** Mr. Joshi stated that Mr. Youssof had previously recommended that the Board sent someone to classes for Public Purchasing Agent Certification. Mr. Joshi stated that Rutgers is holding a 3 session program which is for Public Purchasing Agent, Grant Writer and Spec writer and will double the bidding threshold for the Board to \$36,500. Mr. Joshi further stated that the class is \$942 per person, per session and he requested the Board approve for two Board members to attend. He indicated that he would like to attend with one other member. Discussion followed. Mr. C. Buscaglia stated that he doesn't see what the Board would gain, and he does not think it is needed. More discussion followed, and Mr. R. Passacaglia requested a roll call vote, which was as follows:

Mr. Story	Yes
Mr. Caruso	Absent
Mr. Joshi	Yes
Mr. C. Passacaglia	No
Mr. R. Buscaglia	Yes

Mr. Joshi will get more information as the dates and times, and the Board will decide on one additional person to attend.

Mr. Youssef had prepared a letter and resolution rejecting the bids for the generator. He returned the bid bonds along with the letter.

At this time resolutions were offered for the following:

Meeting Dates: 2013= April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 23, October 22, November 26, December 17 2014=January 28, February 25 and March 25<sup>th</sup>

Official Depositories: Freehold Savings & Loan, Sun National Bank & New Jersey Community Bank

Official Newspapers: Asbury Park Press & The News Transcript

Board Secretary: Donna Pujat

District Auditor: William Antonides

Board Attorney: Joseph D. Youssef

***Audience:*** None

Being no further business, at 8:12 pm to meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Story, Secretary of the Board

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