

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
330 Stillwells Corner Road
Freehold, NJ 07728**

Regular Meeting

September 14, 2021

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7pm. Chief Dan Spicuzza led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty and Kevin Horan. Also present was Board Secretary-Rachel Davis.

At this time Chairman John Toutouchi asked for a moment of silence in memory of 9/11.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the September 14, 2021 Treasurer's Report into record.

(Commissioner Stephen Lengyel joined the meeting at 7:05pm.)

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$55,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$51,242.06.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty noted that the transfer amount includes a payment for Nottingham Insurance.

JC Lighting: Board and Fire Company discussed the light problems on some of the vehicles. Mr. Fogarty reported that he received an email stating that JC Lighting is out of business. Board discussed moving to East Coast but will discuss at a later date.

Ken Lucas' Helmet: Board discussed Mr. Lucas purchasing his helmet. No one objected. The cost of the helmet will be \$953 (the price of Secretary Michael Celano's helmet). Mr. Toutouchi will advise Mr. Lucas of that amount.

Mold on Georgia Road Ceiling: Waiting for vent cleaning quotes.

Harassment Class: November 1st the class will go active.

Bunting for Apparatus and District: Fire Company Secretary Michael Celano will take care of getting the prices for all bunting needed.

New Flag for 90: Mr. Toutouchi asked Andy to look into it.

Inventory: Mr. Fogarty asked about the ERS System. Board discussed looking into an inventory management company.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dan Spicuzza reported that on October 26th Freehold Township is recognizing the Fire Company, so he asked if the Commissioner meeting could end early on that night. Board moved the time for the October 26th meeting to 6pm and will post notices.

2021/2022 Projects: Mr. Fogarty said that some items were missing from the DCA projects list. Commissioner Lengyel will contact the architect.

Audience: (none)

Life Insurance: Commissioner Fogarty researched the life insurance and stated that there has never been a policy for life members. There are multiple levels of insurance, as follows:

- Level 1: Active firefighters and active commissioners;
- Level 2: Active firefighters, active commissioners and life members;
- Level 3: Active firefighters, active commissioners, life members and associates;
- Level 4: Paid members.

Mr. Fogarty reported that since 2003 the Board of Commissioner's master agreement only specified Level 1. He also noted that the 2006 Board of Commissioners requested a quote to add life members but chose not to do it. In order to change the level it will be more expensive. A combined effort was made to get a list together, and as of September 1st the life members on Mr. Fogarty's list have been added to the insurance.

Numerous questions arose regarding life members vs. active members vs. percentages vs. associate members and what they are entitled to. Board decided to review the matter further with Kirk from Nottingham Insurance. Commissioner Toutouchi will contact Kirk to set up a meeting. The by-laws also need to be changed to reflect the insurance coverage.

Insurance: Mr. Fogarty reviewed the Smithburg hall coverage with the Fire Company. Board decided to discuss the matter with Mr. Braslow.

Washer & Dryer Service Contract: Mr. Story inquired whether or not the washer and dryer had to be serviced. Commissioner Horan did not think so.

Gear Cleaning & Radios: Chief Spicuzza advised Commissioner Story that he would have Frank provide an update for the next meeting.

There being no further business, Mr. Story made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm.

Second: Mr. Horan

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Horan, Secretary
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