

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

Regular Meeting

February 8, 2022

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7pm, and 1st Assistant Chief Dan Spicuzza led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story and Michael Fogarty. Stephen Lengyel joined the meeting via teleconference. Also present was Board Secretary-Rachel Davis.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the February 8, 2022 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$40,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$36,278.29.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Landscaping: Commissioner Story reported that Brothers Landscaping would like to know if they should continue with their maintenance at Georgia Road. If so, it would be \$65 bi-weekly. Board agreed.

Snowplowing: Mr. Toutouchi inquired about snowplowing and will take care of getting information.

Commissioner Horan joined the meeting via teleconference at 7:07pm.

Computer Upgrade: Mr. Story inquired about upgrading the computers and will bring it up at the next meeting.

LOSAP: Mr. Story reported that LOSAP is finished, and he will upload it to the system.

Fire Company: Chief Haas has nothing to report.

Buildings: Commissioner Fogarty reported the following:

- Building bonds approved by DCA. Spoke to Mr. Braslow, and the next step is for the Board to agree on what needs to be done.

- Use architect-Jack Purvis to do drawings of what was agreed upon.
- Find state-certified general contractor to bid on; Mr. Braslow recommended getting only one general contractor for everything.
- Priorities: bathrooms, HVAC and front apron.
- Drawings to be approved and then go out to bid.

Mr. Fogarty suggested those three items get done and then reassess. Suggestion was made for a training building on Georgia Road. Board also discussed ideas to make more room for Line Officers and Executive Board.

Commissioner Lengyel will reach out to Jack Purvis.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive session at 7:39pm to discuss a personnel matter.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(Back from executive session at 8:45pm. Note: Commissioner Story had to leave during the executive session.)

Mr. Fogarty summarized the executive discussions regarding a two percent (2%) increase on the existing Fire Company contract amount (\$124,000) as well as the insurance coverage for the Fire Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to continue paying the insurance on the Smithburg building in the amount of \$4,162 and to agree to a two percent (2%) increase (or \$2,480) on an annual basis, which will be amended to the Fire Company contract through attorney Richard Braslow.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 3-0 (Mr. Horan abstained.)

There being no further business, Mr. Lengyel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Horan, Secretary
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