

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

Regular Meeting

January 24, 2023

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7pm, and Chief Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty, Phil Engel and Stephen Lengyel. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting. Board Attorneys-Richard Braslow and Neil Braslow joined the meeting via teleconference.

Motion was made by Mr. Lengyel to approve the November 22, 2022 regular minutes.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 in favor (Mr. Story abstained)

Motion was made by Mr. Lengyel to approve the December 13, 2022 regular and executive minutes.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 in favor (Mr. Engel abstained)

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to approve the December 27, 2022 budget hearing, regular and executive minutes.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 in favor (Mr. Lengyel abstained)

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the January 10, 2023 regular and executive minutes.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the January 24, 2023 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$25,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$21,239.45.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Legal: The Board updated Mr. Braslow on the election details. Commissioner Story asked if anything needed to be posted, but Mr. Braslow assured him that there was nothing further to do.

Chief's Report: Chief Craig Haas reported the following:

- He thanked the Board for the insurance certificate for the out-of-town training;
- His vehicle went in for recall;
- Commissioner Engel will reach out to Pete Hall about SIM card for computer in vehicle;
- South trunked response channels are not working. Commissioner Engel will look into it;
- Tomorrow we will be getting 10 new tires on 87;
- 15 Motorola batteries still on order;
- 80 has 6 after-market batteries coming in;
- Battery overcharging issue is being corrected on 80;
- Working on inventory of pagers and radios;
- In the process of gear checks;
- Running test times on fans, and the batteries will be warrantied;
- Paul Jolicoeur and Don West are on medical;
- Mr. Fogarty advised the Chief to be proactive with rotating 80's tires.

Executive Office: President Dan Petersen reported the following:

- Junior-Jacob Dill resigned;
- Collin Mascola resigned as Assistant Treasurer and Jonathan Dunburg was appointed;
- Has a membership application that he forwarded to the Board and wants to move forward as soon as possible since the applicant has been waiting since October. Commissioner Story will take care of it;
- Mr. Petersen respectfully asked the Board to reconsider or waive the medical policy for company dinners or meetings. The Board responded that it was voted on that if a member gives the Fire Company a medical note, they cannot come into the buildings.

Commissioner Toutouchi reminded President Petersen and Chief Haas that the harassment classes are due by next Monday or else gear will be pulled.

Insurance:

Mr. Fogarty discussed the following:

- Coverage for the leak in roof/ceiling at Georgia Road;
- Frank's Tahoe was repaired and fully covered at no expense to the Board;
- 86 waiting for parts to come in;
- 76 waiting for parts to come in;
- Bond Anticipation Note—closing on February 2nd;
- DCA approved budget—confirmed with Mr. Braslow that nothing more is needed;
- He is still learning the new QuickBooks, therefore, checks will be printed tomorrow;
- We are now with AmTrust Insurance for workman's compensation;
- We are going through the audit right now with The Hartford.

Mr. Toutouchi confirmed that every officer and commissioner should have the updated workman's compensation insurance cards.

Buildings: Commissioner Lengyel reported the following:

District:

- Roof is done;
- Tomorrow insulation in the front vestibule of the building;
- He will be meeting the electrician for the bay;
- Sheetrock tomorrow;
- Samples for bathroom tiles;
- Wants to start bathrooms next week, depending on shower pans;
- Vestibule tomorrow;
- The bays should be started within a week or so.

Georgia Road:

- He will get a price from the contractor;
- Mr. Toutouchi asked about an outlet.

Smithburg—Mr. Toutouchi reported the following:

- CAD system up and running;
- Old/unused wires will be cleaned up by Pete;
- Once budget passes, we can move forward with controlled access and cameras.

Mr. Braslow discussed a resolution that is necessary for the budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Lengyel to approve a resolution authorizing a temporary budget for 2023.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Old Business:

Commissioner Lengyel discussed the construction on the District building and his dissatisfaction with the Change Orders. He suggested that the Board continue with the original, approved plans to avoid spending more money. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Engel inquired about a form to change a LOSAP beneficiary. Mr. Story will get him the form.

Mr. Story confirmed that the Indianapolis trip hotel is paid for and requested that Chief Haas get him the names of those who are going.

New Business: Mr. Story suggested purchasing water bottle/thermoses for all members, once the water fountain is built, in order to save money on purchasing cases of water. He will get an exact price.

Audience: (none)

There being no further business, Mr. Story made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Engel, Secretary

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