

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

Regular Meeting (Workshop)

April 11, 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.

Chairman Toutouchi tabled the agenda at 7pm in order for the Board to go outside in the parking lot and look at a sample digital marquee sign. The meeting resumed at 7:15pm.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the April 11, 2023 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$310,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$309,589.98.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty advised that the excess bill amount included a third payment for the construction (\$210,000) and a half payment for the Georgia Road generator.

Buildings: Commissioner Lengyel:

- 54 weeks for the generator;
- Uniform closet at Georgia Road is all taken care of; he will hang the light;
- Bathrooms are almost done;
- Bay ceilings will be looked at, again.

Commissioner Lengyel said, except for the bay ceiling issue, he was satisfied with the construction project and appreciated everyone's patience.

Commissioner Toutouchi said he will have a quote by next meeting for the camera system at Smithburg, since the company misquoted.

Chief's Report: Chief Haas reported the following:

- 90 passed inspection;
- Facial hair issues are clearly defined in SOG's, and he will implement a series of penalties for various infractions;
- Chief Haas revisited the change in the accountability tag protocol with the Board;
- Working on the ICS-200—classes offered in June and July.

President Dan Petersen said he will have information for the Board on a couple resignations and a new member by the next meeting.

Mr. Toutouchi said that Mr. Braslow suggested that the Board be proactive with OSHA and PEOSH. The Board decided to table the matter for a minimum of two months in order for the Board and Fire Company to research.

Data Input: Lt. Mike Celano requested help with organizing the training certificates in the system.

Telephone Pole Bill: Mr. Fogarty gave the Board an update on the matter of the telephone company charging the Board for a previously-damaged pole. At the moment, the Board Attorney-Mr. Braslow is taking care of it.

JCP&L Overbilled: Commissioner Fogarty received correspondence from JCP&L advising the Board that they overbilled on Georgia Road's meter reading in the amount of \$5,430, so there will be a credit.

Inventory: Captain Erik Schneider and Lt. Mike Celano gave updates on inventory.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:46pm.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 9:10pm)

Audience: (none)

There being no further business, Mr. Engel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Engel, Secretary

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