

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

Regular Meeting

February 27, 2024

Vice Chairman Andrew Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:03pm, and Chief Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty and Phil Engel. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the February 27, 2024 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$200,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$189,854.60.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 3-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty noted that he updated ADP and added newly-elected Commissioner-Jonathan Dunberg and removed Ex-Commissioner Stephen Lengyel. He is also looking into doing direct deposit for those who are interested.

Insurance: Mr. Fogarty advised that the annual worker's compensation insurance audit will be taking place shortly.

Vice Chairman Story suspended the regular order of service to hear a presentation from Mr. Tom Cucchiara of Scout Solar.

Audience:

Natalie Celano, 346 Stephens Way, Freehold, requested to have a car wash at the District on March 16th, from 9am to 2pm to raise money for cancer. Lt. Celano assured the Board that an adult would be there to supervise. The Board approved.

Chief's Report: Chief Haas reported that since the Board's last meeting, they put together a bunker gear committee. Lt. Celano inquired about the plymovent repair.

Commissioner Toutouchi joined the meeting at 6:34pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2024 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Engel

All in favor: 4-0 all in favor

Legal: Board Secretary-Rachel Davis read the election results into record as follows:

Budget: 363 yes; 164 no
John Catenacci: 65
Jon Dunberg: 237
Mike Fogarty: 296
Richard Frascati: 177
Ron Osadacz: 144

The Board congratulated newly-elected Jon Dunberg as well as the re-elected Mike Fogarty. Mr. Dunberg will be officially sworn in at the next meeting.

New Business: Mr. Fogarty brought a request before the Board to give a helmet to Kevin Lagravis to be used as a prop, with the understanding that there will be a surplus letter with zero value.

For the record, Mr. Fogarty noted that Commissioner Lengyel has not attended the Board of Commissioners' meetings in two months. Commissioner Lengyel has received a paycheck for performing his duties, but he has job abandonment for the month of January and February. Mr. Fogarty will report this to the Board's attorney for possible further action. He also noted that Mr. Lengyel took his last paycheck off Mr. Fogarty's desk without permission and gave the "finger" on the District video camera as he walked out the door. Also, for the record, Mr. Lengyel did not provide any notice to the Board that he was not reporting for duty on his job as an elected official.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to turn off Commissioner Lengyel's access to the District building as of tonight due to job abandonment.

Second: Mr. Story
Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Commissioner Engel made a suggestion to have one meeting a month in the summer. Board discussed. Mr. Fogarty will look into automatic withdrawal for certain bills.

There being no further business, Mr. Engel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty
4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Engel, Secretary
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