

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

Regular Meeting

July 23, 2024

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:00pm, and 2nd Asst. Chief Petersen 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 Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present. Board Attorney-Richard Braslow attended the meeting via teleconference.

Chairman Toutouchi called for a moment of silence for Corey Comperatore, a former chief of the Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Company, who was killed on July 13th, after being caught in the line of fire during an assassination attempt on Former President Trump.

Chairman Toutouchi suspended the regular order of service to go into executive session.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 6:01pm.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 7:11pm)

Legal: Mr. Braslow alerted the Board to a bill that allows the Board to issue notes over a 10-year period.

Commissioner Story will send VFIS contact information to Mr. Braslow on LOSAP.

Commissioner Engel read the Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2022 Audit into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty adopting the Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2022 Audit.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

All commissioners signed the resolution and received a copy. Mr. Braslow then instructed Mr. Fogarty to forward it to DCA.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to accept the Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Fire Company Agreement.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Commissioner Story will follow up with Mr. Braslow for the surveyor information, if needed.

Mr. Braslow left the meeting at 7:21pm.

Chief's Report: 2nd Assistant Chief Dan Petersen provided his maintenance report to the Board and also reported as follows:

- Gear cleaning and repairs start on August 9th;
- Replenish safety glasses and extrication gloves;
- Order replacement structural gloves;
- Rough draft for the CPAT this week;
- Putting together new high-rise packs, need to buy more hardware nozzles, etc.;
- Looking for approval for 2 CADs for the MDTs;
- Lt. Celano applied for a grant for the CADs; still needs money to purchase;
- MSA has stopped making thermal cameras; start looking at new cameras.

Commissioner Toutouchi asked Chief Petersen to convey the Board's gratitude to Chief Haas, 1st Asst. Santore and the whole leadership board for a great extrication drill, for keeping the building clean and having no injuries.

Commissioner Toutouchi relayed a message from Lt. Celano about the tech rescue gear--taking the inner lining out of the expired gear and using the exterior lining and pay \$125 to be inspected to be used as extrication gear. Chief Petersen said outer shell, liners, vapor barrier will only last 10 years.

Chief Petersen made the Board aware that OSHA will be making a lot of changes in the near future. He recommends that the Board read up on it.

Mr. Toutouchi mentioned the grant for the CAD system; Chief Petersen said he is not privy to that information. Board said they will wait until next meeting to discuss it further when they have more information.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to purchase two portable CAD systems with protective casings and service warranties.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Commissioner Fogarty requested of Chief Petersen that when they go out of town for any event, they have a duty crew and/or triple tones, making sure they have protection for the town.

Fire Company: President Keane has to get the fire company contract from his house. He will drop it off with Commissioner Fogarty.

President Keane advised the Board of the following personnel changes for the record:

Bob Bereheiko stepped down as Vice President, and Mike Vota will be the new Vice President;

Nick Petersen stepped down as Assistant Treasurer, and Dan Dunn will be the new Assistant Treasurer.

Old Business: Mr. Fogarty advised the Board that RedAlert is still having problems connecting, and as a result, he is having the verbiage changed on the RedAlert contract to protect the District. Commissioner Story will make some calls.

New Business: (none)

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the July 23, 2024 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 \$36,411.60.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Motion was made by Mr. Story to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2024 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Audience:

2nd Asst. Chief Petersen made the Board aware that the Freehold EMS billed his personal insurance when his son was injured, and no information was given to EMS. His insurance paid it. Commissioner Story will make a call.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into a second executive session for personnel reasons at 7:59pm.

Second: Mr. Story

5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 8:20pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

Second: Mr. Story

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary

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