

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

**Regular Meeting**

**January 10, 2023**

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:03pm, 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.

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Fogarty read the January 10, 2023 Treasurer's Report into record.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$220,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$218,442.78.**

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty stated that the bill amount includes a payment for 90, workers' compensation and an A & S Insurance payment.

**Chief's Report:** Before Chief Haas began, Commissioner Story wanted to commend them on doing a great job at the last fire.

Chief Haas read his report into record, as follows:

- He listed the job responsibilities.
- Chief Engineer is Bob Urban along with two Engineers--Eric Hoffman and Collin Mascola.
- Paul Jolicoeur is on medical.
- They are having problems with fans—battery. He recommended getting a similar fan powered by Milwaukee batteries. Commissioner Fogarty suggested calling the manufacturer first.
- He expressed the need for Officers' phones.

Chairman Toutouchi noted that Chief Haas and Board Secretary Rachel Davis received new computers, as both of their computers were decommissioned due to the age.

**Executive Office:** President Dan Petersen introduced the new Executive Board to the Board of Commissioners: Vice President Robert Bereheiko, Secretary Mike Carter, Treasurer Chris Puccio.

President Petersen's first order of business was to address a letter of violation they received for the generator and fire alarm. The Board discussed, and Commissioner Engel acknowledged the violations. Commissioner Lengyel will take care of the fire alarm and get quotes on generators for all three firehouses.

President Petersen also inquired about the current membership application and asked if it was okay to use it due to changes in the employee handbook. The Board was unaware of any changes and asked for a copy of the application so that the Board Attorney can look at it.

President Petersen confirmed with the Board that the previous Executive Board negotiated a 2% contract raise.

Chairman Toutouchi confirmed with Lieutenant Celano that the Fire Company's attorney reviewed the handbook and the contract while he was the Vice President.

Mr. Toutouchi notified everyone that the harassment classes end on January 30, 2023.

**Motion was made by Mr. Story to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 7:26pm.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(Back from executive at 9:30pm.)

**Buildings:** Commissioner Lengyel reported the following:

- He thought he sent Jack Purvis the rest of the building lights, but it was in a draft e-mail so he will talk to him about that tomorrow.
- HVAC will be officially done tomorrow; the only thing that won't be done is the heating elements, they have to run gas and electric. Other than having heat, it will still have the baseboard.
- Dumpster will be coming sometime this week.
- Board discussed Andy's request from last meeting to get a 3-yard dumpster back.
- Storage trailer will go right next to the dumpster.
- The workers should be told not to park in the firefighters' spots.

**There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38pm.**

Second: Mr. Story

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Engel, Secretary

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