

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

Regular Meeting

March 28, 2023

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6pm, 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 Attorney-Richard Braslow joined the meeting via teleconference.

Chairman Toutouchi asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the recent Nashville school shooting.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the March 14, 2023 regular minutes.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor (Mr. Toutouchi abstained.)

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the March 28, 2023 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$190,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$181,887.39.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty noted that the increased bill amount included payments on two trucks as well as a LOSAP payment.

Following up from the discussion at the last meeting, Mr. Fogarty advised the Board that the Hartford audit was complete, and he received a reimbursement check for overbilling in the amount of \$26,511.

Mr. Fogarty advised the Board that Monmouth County's interest rates are not attractive enough to apply, but the Board must acknowledge that they will not participate in the program this year and will respectively decline funding. No one objected.

Legal: Commissioner Toutouchi mentioned that the balance of the reorganizational documents needed to be voted on from last meeting, as follows: Resolution Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims, Resolution Designating Surety Bonding for Commissioners, Resolution for the Adoption of Cash Management Plan, Resolution Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2023-2024 Years, Resolution for the Designation of Official Newspapers for Publications for the 2023-2024 Years, Notice of Regular Meeting Schedule, Notice of Award of Contracts.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to adopt all of the above reorganizational resolutions and notices.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Buildings: Commissioner Lengyel reported that the generator will take 50 weeks. Mr. Braslow will make some calls to get a vendor. Mr. Lengyel noted that, in the past, Warshauer was the easiest to get someone out to fix it.

Old Business: Commissioner Story reported the following:

- LOSAP 100% completed;
- Background checks—he is waiting on 5 people, who have gear pulled and are banned from the building;
- Business cards this week per Mr. Toutouchi;
- Indianapolis trip is April 25-29th;
- Next meeting there will be a demo of a digital marquee sign.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to go into executive session at 6:13pm for purposes of discussing a personnel matter.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 7:08pm)

Old Business: Commissioner Toutouchi advised Mr. Braslow that the quote from the security company did not include everything in their walkthrough for the camera system at Smithburg, so he ended the service contract in March. He will get a quote from another company and see if their system syncs with the current system.

Audience:

Lieutenant Celano asked about the status of the ceiling in the gear room. Commissioner Lengyel will call Bailey's.

Motion was made by Mr. Lengyel to go into executive session at 7:14pm for a personnel matter.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 7:17pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Story made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Engel, Secretary

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