

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

Regular Meeting

June 26, 2023

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5pm, and Commissioner Andrew Story led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty and Phil Engel. 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 passing of Ex-Chief and Life Member Bill Anderson.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the June 13, 2023 regular and executive minutes.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 3-0 all in favor (Mr. Toutouchi abstained.)

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the June 26, 2023 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$55,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$53,798.94.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Insurance: Mr. Fogarty confirmed that we were paid for the repair of the telephone wires to the building at Georgia Road after the accident as well as the reimbursement for the generator fuel that was used.

Commissioner Toutouchi reported that there was one accident during a softball game, and we are waiting for insurance to determine if it is covered under accident insurance.

Mr. Braslow asked for an update on the matter of the telephone company charging the Board for a previously-damaged pole. Commissioner Fogarty stated that nothing ever happened after Mr. Braslow's response to them.

In order to clarify any miscommunications, Mr. Toutouchi specified that if an officer or member of the Fire Company is on medical, workman's compensation or administrative leave, said officer or member cannot come into any of the buildings that the District insures, unless it is a public meeting. If a Commissioner is on medical, said Commissioner is allowed to come into the buildings to perform the Commissioner duties as an elected official.

Buildings: Commissioner Fogarty updated the Board on the construction at the District. He mentioned that the ice machine is still on back order, and once that is completed, we will get the final construction invoice. He reminded the Board that some of the monies were allocated for the blacktop maintenance. He also mentioned that he purchased the motion sensor lights for the bathrooms.

Commissioner Toutouchi reported that Smithburg's security camera contract had to be revised to honor the pricing. Mr. Braslow advised Mr. Toutouchi to call the bidder to confirm that they participate in the co-op. Mr. Braslow also advised that said contract will be contingent upon his office reviewing it.

Mr. Fogarty gave the Board the update on the meeting with the Township. Regarding the subject of the generator, Board Attorney-Mr. Braslow had concerns and does not agree with what the Township is proposing.

Chief's Report: (no one to report)

Fire Company: (no one to report)

Old Business: Commissioner Story advised the Board that he spoke to the LOSAP company, but more research has to go into assessing it in order to bring it up-to-date.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to spend \$2,000 to research the current LOSAP program in order to bring it up to date.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Commissioners Story and Engel are still working on the grant information for the Air-Paks and will report back to the Board once they have it.

Commissioner Story noted that he has been trying to obtain three quotes for the ID maker in order for the Board to make their own ID's. He found comparable prices online but has had difficulty finding quotes. Mr. Braslow said that the quote Mr. Story has is acceptable.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to purchase the ID Maker Apex System 2-Sided, as per the May 18, 2023 quote from IDville in the amount of \$3,634.70.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Legal: Mr. Braslow had nothing to report.

Audience: Mr. Toutouchi asked Andy Ollwerther if he is all set with the flags/lights.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to go into executive session at 5:39pm for personnel reasons.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 6:01pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:01pm.

Second: Mr. Engel

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Engel, Secretary

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