

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

Regular Meeting

November 30, 2021

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:00pm. 1st Asst. Chief Craig Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story and Michael Fogarty. Commissioner Stephen Lengyel joined the meeting via teleconference. Also present was Board Secretary-Rachel Davis. Board Attorneys-Richard Braslow and Neil Braslow attended the meeting via teleconference, and Richard Braslow read the notice. This meeting was live streamed.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the regular meeting minutes from the October 26, 2021, November 9, 2021 and November 16, 2021 meetings.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the November 30, 2021 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$9,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$8,214.01.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty stated that he had previously spoken with the Board Auditor-Gerard Stankiewicz, who said the Board had a clean audit for 2020, did not overspend and had money left over. Mr. Fogarty further stated that Mr. Stankiewicz congratulated the Board on managing their budget.

Mr. Fogarty read into record the resolution that Mr. Stankiewicz wrote in order to cancel any unneeded capital funds.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to accept the Resolution for Cancellation of Unneeded Capital Funds.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty also noted that Mr. Stankiewicz said to increase LOSAP to 75 percent. Commissioner Story will reach out to VFIS to increase and then submit the budget with that added change.

Commissioner Fogarty suggested that the Board keep the two pickup trucks and wait until the 2023 budget in order to purchase another one. The Board discussed in detail. Commissioner Story expressed his concern about 88 and would rather get a pickup truck now to replace 88; Commissioner Toutouchi and Commissioner Lengyel agreed to wait until the next budget. It was then decided that there would be no pickup truck purchased until the 2023 budget.

Insurance: There was an injury on a drill. The medical report is still open. The injured member will go for follow up for further orthopedic help.

Freehold Township Fire District No. 16-2:

Commissioner Toutouchi suspended the regular meeting agenda so that the Board can speak with Freehold Township Fire District No. 16-2 Board of Commissioners along with their attorney, Charles Parker, Esq. The two Boards had an open dialogue about the pros and cons of changing the elections to November.

Both Boards agreed to meet together periodically in order to work in unison for the benefit of the Township. FTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners left the meeting at 8:48pm, and Chairman Toutouchi resumed the regular meeting.

Buildings:

- Commissioner Lengyel reported that he is still waiting to hear back on the plymovent, and Caballero did not seem interested in helping with the odor in the bays.
- Bay floors were taken care of.

Website: Commissioner Horan was not at the meeting to report.

Legal: Board Attorney-Richard Braslow reported as follows:

- JC Lighting matter—he sent an email; Board decided that it is not worth the recovery and will no longer do business with JC Lighting.
- Capital Purchases—not to exceed \$95,000 to purchase Hamaltro tools. Mr. Braslow will prepare the notice and ballot and send to the newspaper. The Board should post five (5) notices, ten (10) days before.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to schedule a special capital meeting for December 14, 2021, from 6-9:00pm.

Second: Mr. Story

4-0 all in favor

Legal (cont'd.):

- Mr. Toutouchi said the revised rental agreement was sent to the Board for review. The President of the Fire Company advised that he is waiting to hear from their insurance company to decide if they want to take on their own insurance.
- The Board agreed to sell the helmet to Ken Lucas for \$953. Mr. Toutouchi will confirm with Mr. Lucas that the cost of \$953 is acceptable, and if so, Mr. Braslow will prepare the hold harmless agreement.

Fire Company:

- 1st Assistant Chief Craig Haas had submitted the Chief's report in writing.
- Commissioner Story read a statement from Chief Dan Spicuzza thanking the Board for the past two years as Chief.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Story noted that it would cost \$5,400 to have four logos put on the floors at the District. Board agreed. Mr. Story will tell them to go forward.
- At the next meeting, December 14th, J.R. Castle will talk to the Board regarding the solar panels.
- 76 alignment—Mr. Fogarty will text Danny.
- Mr. Story inquired about the insurance coverage for building our own training facility. Mr. Fogarty will talk to Jen and confirm coverage.
- Mr. Story suggested doing the floors at the District at least once a year. No one objected.
- Board will decide at the next meeting which Windows 10 computers to update for the CAD system.
- Mr. Fogarty is still waiting for approval on the life member list from the Fire Company President.

New Business: (none)

Audience: (none)

There being no further business, Mr. Story made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

John Toutouchi, Chairman
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