

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

**Regular Meeting**

**March 23, 2021**

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:30pm. Chief Spicuzza led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty, Kevin Horan and Stephen Lengyel. Also in attendance were Board Attorney-Joseph Youssouf and Board Secretary-Rachel Davis. This meeting was also live streamed.

Chairman Toutouchi suspended the regular agenda to let the Chief report first, so that he could leave the meeting early.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Dan Spicuzza reported as follows:

- New lockers are up.
- Training on Forcible Entry Door was done.
- 76 went out for repairs.
- First Aid wants to purchase Board's portable radios. Board discussed. Chief will find out how many. Board requested an inventory of all radios for purposes of warranties and selling.
- Training on new 90 went well; certain parts had to be ordered.
- Chief Spicuzza gave Board Attorney a subpoena he received on a fire from 2018. Mr. Youssouf requested call sheets on the fire in question, and he will take care of it. Chief then provided Mr. Youssouf with the requested documentation.

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Fogarty read the March 23, 2021 Treasurer's Report into record.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$30,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$28,865.79.**

Second: Mr. Horan

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

As mentioned in last month's meeting, Mr. Fogarty mailed the bond payment for 80 in January, but it was not received so he stopped payment on the check and immediately wired the money. They sent a bill for late charges, but subsequently cancelled the late charge.

2019 audit complete, and the 2020 audit is close to being completed.

**Correspondence:** (nothing)

**Website:** (up to date)

**Legal:** Mr. Youssouf received correspondence from the County confirming that they will produce the ballot materials. The questions will be for the election of Commissioners along with the budget. Mr. Fogarty reminded Mr. Youssouf that there was also a bond referendum for \$500,000 for building improvements.

On the ballot will be two, full 3-year term seats available, and the two candidates will be Michael J. Fogarty and Stephen Lengyel. The questions on the ballot will be as follows:

**Shall the Board of Fire Commissioners be authorized to raise and expend \$1,384,333, which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$1,295,333 to support fire district operations for the year 2021?**

The second question will be for the bond resolution asking for \$500,000 for building improvements, with the language about no negative impact, long-term borrowing situation, with no substantial raise in tax rates.

Mr. Youssouf said the notice should be posted for the bond referendum, which he will send to the Board, as well as publish in the Asbury Park Press.

**Buildings:**

- Mr. Story reported that the quote for the floor logos is \$5,400. Board discussed and decided to wait.
- Mr. Fogarty said the old tanker bay plymovent was taken away.
- Mr. Lengyel will call on the outlets.

**Old Business:** (none)

**President's Report:** Mr. Story asked for the Christmas lights to be taken down.

**Motion was made by Mr. Horan to approve the minutes from the 2/23/21 regular meeting, 3/9/21 special workshop and 3/9/21 executive meeting.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

**Insurance:** Mr. Fogarty is still waiting on insurance company on Chief's car. He is also waiting for quotes to take lights off, install new lights as well as repair lights. Also waiting on radio information. Once done, insurance will put the car up for auction.

**New Business:** Mr. Fogarty will reach out to First Aid Squad to sell 4-5 radios.

**Audience:** (none)

**There being no further business, Mr. Lengyel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.**

Second: Mr. Horan

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Horan, Secretary  
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