

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

Regular Meeting

August 24, 2021

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7pm. 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 present was Board Secretary-Rachel Davis. Board Attorneys-Richard Braslow and Neil Braslow attended the meeting via teleconference. This meeting was live streamed.

Chairman Toutouchi called for a moment of silence for Ex-Captain James Story.

Chairman Toutouchi suspended the normal order of business and opened the floor to Chief Spicuzza so that he could leave the meeting early.

Fire Company:

Chief Spicuzza reported the following:

- Radios are done on 76;
- Inquired about a surplus letter for the radios;
- Board confirmed that they need the budget by September's meeting;
- Board inquired about Ken Lucas' helmet. Chief's understanding was that Ken left it. Mr. Toutouchi will advise Mr. Lucas that the helmet is in operation at this time.
- Georgia Road garbage bin is coming this Friday to the firehouse. Chief will take pictures of all surplus item serial numbers.
- 88 was repaired, and it was agreed by all that no further repairs would be done.

Motion was made by Mr. Lengyel to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2021 and August 10, 2021 regular meetings.

Second: Mr. Horan

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

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the August 24, 2021 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$60,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$57,460.95.

Second: Mr. Horan

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty noted that the bill amount includes the purchase of the Chief's vehicle.

Insurance: All medical claims are closed; one outstanding bill getting squared away.

Buildings:

- Mr. Toutouchi said that Denise is back to cleaning with the Covid spray.
- Commissioner Horan noted that the insurance walkthrough showed two minor things that they wanted changed in the SOG's, and he will communicate with the insurance company.

Website: Commissioner Horan said progress. He is finishing printing resolutions.

Legal: Mr. Braslow discussed the following:

- No clarity as to the guidelines on the marijuana law; at this point it is status quo. His advice to the Board is to make it clear that it is still a no-tolerance policy.
- They are in discussion with DCA about a possible April election date.
- Fire house projects—he is waiting on particulars (costs and a list of what is being done) from the architect and then at some point he will make a formal application to the finance board. Board will send it to them.

Fire Company (cont'd.):

President Neil Timo had nothing to report.

1st Asst. Chief Haas had nothing to report.

2nd Asst. Chief Petersen asked what company he should use for the lighting. Board discussed the issues they are having with JC Emergency Lighting. Mr. Braslow will review the contract and advise.

Old Business: (none)

New Business: Mr. Toutouchi noted that the harassment class begins on November 1st.

Audience: (none)

Motion was made by Mr. Lengyel to go into closed executive session at 7:45pm to discuss personnel matters.

Second: Mr. Horan

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Board returned from executive session at 8:22 pm. (Note: Mr. Story had to leave during the executive session.)

Mr. Fogarty discussed adding life members to the current life insurance policy.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to amend the current life insurance policy to include life members, as long as it does not exceed \$30,000.

Second: Mr. Horan

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

There being no further business, Mr. Lengyel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.

Second: Mr. Horan

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Horan, Secretary
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