

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

Regular Meeting

February 22, 2022

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

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2022 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 3-0 (Mr. Story abstained.)

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 3-0 (Mr. Story abstained.)

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the February 22, 2022 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$250,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$243,424.81.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty noted that the increased bill amount was due to a VFIS payment along with a payment for radios.

Insurance: (nothing to report)

Buildings: Commissioner Lengyel must review the documents from the architect. Mr. Braslow reserves the right to comment once he receives a fully completed copy of the architect's agreement from Jack Purvis.

Chief's Report: Chief Haas read his report into record and also noted:

- 87 is out to be worked on.
- He would like to go back to doing apparatus service twice a year. Mr. Fogarty noted that it was not included in the budget. Mr. Story advised Chief Haas to check the warranties.
- 87 portable is being programmed and installed.
- ESI maintenance is on March 8th, and we are starting to look into purchasing the hydraulic tools.
- They are in the process of scheduling the yearly aerial testing. Mr. Story advised Chief Haas to check the warranties.
- Gear checks are being done. Some gear is needed, and some of the gear needs to be repaired. They will make a list.

Commissioner Story inquired about who the engineers are: Bob, Austin, Paul and Eric Hoffman.

Mr. Story asked for a Chief's vehicle update. Chief Haas noted that the lettering is still being done.

Chief Haas advised the Board that we may hear from a resident on Ticonderoga Road regarding an incident of driving over his lawn.

Mr. Fogarty advised Chief Haas to get prices of Hamaltro tools.

Fire Company: Vice President Mike Celano advised that someone is looking into the rescue chainsaws.

Legal: Mr. Braslow had nothing to report. Mr. Toutouchi questioned when the new Commissioner starts. Mr. Braslow said he could be sworn in on March 1st at 12 noon, or they can do it at the first meeting of the month. Technically, he is on the payroll as of March 1st.

Old Business:

Mr. Toutouchi gave an update on the computers and CAD system. Pete recommended updating 3-4 per year at \$1,600 per computer along with labor costs. Board decided to let Pete finish the couple that he is working on to get the CAD system up, and they will decide on the rest.

Mr. Toutouchi asked about physicals. Mr. Braslow recommended that the Board makes physicals mandatory, again. The Board discussed the 1/3/5 year plan and to start this year as the first year. Mr. Toutouchi will look into it and report back to the Board.

Mr. Toutouchi said Bob wants to order more portable battery jumpers.

New Business: Mr. Fogarty advised the Board that he would be purchasing new checks.

Audience: (no one had comments)

At this time Vice President Mike Celano requested a closed session with the Board of Commissioners to discuss a personnel matter.

Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adopt a resolution to go into closed session for a personnel matter at 7:33pm.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

(back from executive session at 8:18pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Story made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Story, Vice Chairman
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