

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

Regular Meeting

August 23, 2022

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6pm. Chief Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty and Stephen Lengyel. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting. 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 the passing of Ex-Commissioner Abe Conk.

Chairman Toutouchi then tabled the regular agenda to go into executive session for personnel matters.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to go into executive session for personnel matters at 6:02pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Commissioner Engel joined the meeting at 6:02pm.

(back from executive at 7:45pm)

Chairman John Toutouchi tabled the regular agenda to let Commissioner Engel have the floor.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to amend the June 28, 2022 motion, limiting the personal-use mileage of the Chief vehicles to within responding distance only, which is no more than 25 miles from the border of our District.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 4-1 motion passed

Mr. Engel: yes

Mr. Fogarty: no

Mr. Lengyel: yes

Mr. Story: yes

Mr. Toutouchi: yes

Buildings: Commissioner Lengyel reported that he met with the architect, and we are just waiting on the bid package. He also has the information for the budget for the generator at Georgia Road. Commissioner Lengyel left the meeting at 7:53pm.

Chairman Toutouchi resumed the regular meeting agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2022 regular and executive meetings as well as the August 9, 2022 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the August 23, 2022 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 \$27,031.56.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty informed the Board that he received the third payment from the Township.

Insurance: Mr. Fogarty received the death benefit claim for Abe Conk as well as the claim for 76.

Mr. Story said we added Dan Kobra to LOSAP.

Legal: Mr. Toutouchi discussed an OPRA request from Mike Celano for the executive session minutes and referred it to Board Attorney-Mr. Braslow, who will redact them.

Fire Company: Chief Haas reported the following:

- In the process of gear inspection; new set of gear was ordered for one member;
- Preventative maintenance for rigs was started;
- Frank is getting the Homaltro pricing;
- Need paperwork for 87 tires, which Commissioner Engel will take care of.

Commissioner Story noted that we are sending 6 people to Columbus at the end of September. The members attending are: Schneider, Story, Dunburg, Kean, Celano and Harte. Everything is taken care of.

Commissioner Story advised Chief Haas that everyone should have frontals.

Chief Haas noted that we are down an engineer, but right now it is manageable. The Board discussed paying them more.

Commissioner Fogarty notified Chief Haas that he needs their budget done by October.

Mr. Fogarty talked about a generator needed at Smithburg. Mr. Braslow said they have to do a capital meeting with voting from 6:00 to 9:00 and 10-days notice. Mr. Braslow will advise the Board of bidders that he is aware of.

Chief Haas requested to take a rescue vehicle and the Tahoe to Liberty State Park on 9/11 as well as take pictures. Board agreed.

Mr. Braslow will look at the Fire Company contract, again, so that it can be finalized.

Audience: (none)

Old Business:

Mr. Fogarty said he met with Board Architect-Jack Purvis, who will price everything out, and then the Board will review and decide on priorities.

The Board discussed certain issues on the Criteria for Eligibility. Chairman Toutouchi stated that the Commissioners would review the matter further and revisit in two weeks. Mr. Braslow will also review and modify the driving section.

Commissioner Engel left the meeting at 9:11pm.

Mr. Toutouchi advised that the harassment classes will start up, again, October 1st, and there will be additional courses for leaders—Chiefs, Executive Board and Commissioners. The new Boards in January will also be required to take the management portion.

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18pm.

Second: Mr. Story

3-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Engel, Secretary
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