

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

Regular Meeting

August 9, 2022

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:59pm and Board Secretary-Rachel Davis led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story and Michael Fogarty. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the August 9, 2022 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$25,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,582.47.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 3-0 all in favor

Chairman Toutouchi tabled the regular agenda due to missing two Board members. Mr. Toutouchi noted that he gave the Criteria for Removal of Eligibility to the President and Vice President of the Fire Company along with the Code of Ethics. These items should be discussed at the next meeting. Once the Board adopts these policies, we will move forward with the background checks. Vice President Celano said that he didn't see a problem with it, but the Fire Company must adopt the by-laws to accept it. The Board requested that the Fire Company be ready to discuss by the August 23rd meeting with all questions and answers.

The August 23rd meeting will start at 6pm in order for the Board of Commissioners to meet with the Executive Board of the Fire Company. Mr. Toutouchi advised all to plan for a long meeting, as he plans for any open agenda items to be closed up.

Mr. Fogarty made reference to a letter that Cintas sent, stating that they have checks from October of 2020. He will email them to find out what it is all about.

Mr. Fogarty also mentioned three letters from Ocean First Bank—one for Mr. Story, Mr. Lengyel and Mr. Horan stating that a change was made to their profiles. He spoke to Ocean First, and they said it was a maintenance upgrade.

Audience: Vice President Celano asked if the Board heard back from Mr. Braslow on the contract. Once the points are added, he will forward it to their attorney.

Mr. Fogarty received the police report on the telephone pole, stating “failed to use due caution when backing up,” which he sent to the insurance company.

Mr. Toutouchi noted that there was one accident with a Chief’s truck; a deer hit it. Once we get the estimate approved from the insurance company, it will get repaired.

Mr. Toutouchi also noted that the parking ticket from Chief Spicuzza was given back to him to pay it.

Mr. Fogarty noted that when Frank was rear-ended, the insurance company closed the claim, because it had been over a month since the vehicle was brought to the auto body shop. The claim can be reopened. Mr. Fogarty spoke to the auto body shop, which is still waiting on the manufacturer for a price on the part. Apparently, the manufacturers are taking a long time to get back with prices.

Mr. Toutouchi requested that the Board go into executive session for personnel matters.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive session at 7:13pm for personnel matters.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 3-0 all in favor

(Returned from executive 7:32pm.)

Based on the discussion in the executive session with Vice President Celano, the Board confirmed that Vice President Celano would retake the management section of the harassment training.

There being no further business, Mr. Story made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

3-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

John Toutouchi, Chairman
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