

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
November 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, in the Township of South Brunswick, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Berezansky, Luterzo, Olson, and Orchard

Members absent: Commissioner Josephson

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of October regular meeting minutes: Ms. Berezansky made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Luterzo seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following (file copy attached):

- Stats for the October: 39 calls; 30 trainings and 8 duties
- YTD: 278 calls; 41 training; 58 duties for a total of 377 events and 4837 man-hours.
- The Open House was a huge success and attendance was terrific.
- Some members went to a World War II Veteran's house and did yard maintenance, along with Home Depot employees. It was a good community event.
- The Company attended a live burn at Mercer County Fire Academy.
- There have been 10 school visits, with 5 remaining.

President's Report – Mr. Melchisky reported that nominations were held and he noted that he will not be President next year. Mr. Orchard thanked Mr. Melchisky for his service. The new officers will begin their terms in January. He also reported that parking lot was sealed and painted.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List –Ms. Berezansky presented the Report (file copy attached). She noted that all the bills were paid for the month, including the Commissioners stipends. All insurances are up to date.

After a review of the Voucher List, Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the List as presented and Mr. Luterzo seconded it A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Olson had nothing to report.

Fire Coordinator's Report – Mr. Perez reported the following:

1. The incoming officers attended a leadership training recently.
2. Workman's Compensation went down about \$1800.
3. The Fire Chiefs had the Fire Safety Trailer evaluated, as there were some safety issues. There is about \$4000 work that needs to be done it, therefore, the Chiefs agreed to get rid of it, as its usefulness is minimal. He noted that it also is 20 years old. The Commissioners agreed with the recommendation.
4. Mr. Perez has prepared a preliminary 2020 Budget, which he'll get to the Board for their review. He noted that the ratables went up for next year, therefore, tax Money will be OK.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Orchard had nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations - again, it was noted that the Open House was a great success.

State Association - Minutes of the last meeting were made available to the Commissioners.

Insurance – all policies are paid up.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Mr. Luterzo suggested getting new apparel (shirts, jackets,etc.). Mr. Perez will look into pricing. Mr. Luterzo also stated that he would like to promote "Adopt A Hydrant" Program, as well as other fire-related safety. The Commissioners agreed that it would be an good idea and suggested using South Brunswick Patch or Nixel.

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: It was noted that a decision needs to be made about how to handle the Mail-in Ballots for the 2020 Election, including the mail-in ballot forms. Mr. Perez will look into this.

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Berezansky seconded it. A vote was taken and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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