

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 13, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, in the Township of South Brunswick, was called to order by Chairman William Orchard at 6:32 p.m. in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of August Regular Meeting Minutes: Ms. Berezansky made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez presented his report (file copy attached):

- Stats for August: 38 calls; 3 training drills; 2 work details and YTD: 211 calls; 21 drills; 17 work details for a total 250 total events with 231 man-hours. He noted that the Fire Company provided mutual aid for two structure fires in Plainsboro.
- The new engine is almost complete and testing should take place by the end of next week. The Company's inspection will be virtual, as Florida has a 14 day quarantine period; however, Dillon Corris, who lives in Florida, will be able to go to the factory, as the Fire Company's representative. There will also be a third-party, whom the manufacturer has hired, at the inspection. After the inspection, they will be able to Zoom or Facetime, their findings. Once the truck is at the Firehouse, everyone will be able to inspect it and if something is found, it will be corrected at no cost to Kendall Park.

President's Report – Mr. Cioffi reported that the membership were informed of changes to the Life Insurance policy. He noted that most of the members who would be affected were not at the meeting. He and Chief Perez are working to find some policy that balances both the premium cost with the benefit to the membership.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the report (file copy attached). She reported that all bills are being paid this evening and everything is up to date. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the Report and 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 that a letter was received from the Life Insurance company that stated that as of 12/1/20, the Underwriter will no longer be underwriting this policy. A solution was proposed, however, Mr. Perez stated that it would not wholly cover members after 70 years old. He also noted that there are a lot of stipulations, which would present challenges for the membership. So, as the President stated, they are working to find a better solution.

There is also an issue with Workman's Comp, as a bill for \$4K extra for the year, was received. After investigation, it seems they are working with incorrect membership numbers. The Company's agent is now working to resolve the problem.

Plainsboro Fire Company expressed their thanks to Kendall Park for the loan of Truck 222, which they will probably need for a few more weeks.

2021 Budget preparations are beginning and will be addressed at next month's meeting.

A resolution will be presented at next month's meeting to revise the LOSAP numbers for 2020, as there has been less activity this year. Mr. Perez ran this by Mr. Barslow and he was OK with it. He noted that the new numbers will also affect the Incentive Program.

Mr. Perez reported that District 2 is looking to use the November election for their budget, to avoid another year where their budget is turned down by the voters in the February election. He has discussed the movement to November with Mr. Braslow and will be attending District 2's meeting next week to get more information. Mr. Orchard stated the advantages of moving to November are that the County picks up all the costs for ballots and voting machines. Currently with the election in February, the District is responsible for all voting costs. In addition, if a District wants to use money in Capital Reserve to purchase capital equipment, it would not need to get votes approval. However, if the District were to purchase something with financing attached, then voter approval would be necessary. Mr. Perez will provide more information at next month's meeting.

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 - There will not be an Open House this year due to the pandemic.

State Association – No information was available as to the Association's status.

Insurance – previously discussed.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Ms. Berezansky made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Luterzo seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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