

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 12, 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 at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: none

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Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

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

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Stats for September: 24 total events; 25.317 event hours; 194.28 man-hours and 165 total firefighters. (file copy attached)
- Stats YTD: 274 total events; 256.87 total hours; 2635.1 man-hours and 2688 firefighters (file copy attached).
- The Fire Company will begin a membership drive with signage around the area and on Facebook.
- A new member was sworn in at Friday's Company meeting.
- Two members are attending Firefighter Training.

President's Report – not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the Report (file copy attached). She noted that all bills had been paid and everything is up to date. Insurance premiums will be coming up next month. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Olson made a motion to approve it as presented and Mr. Josephson 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 an insurance audit process has been started for Worker's Comp and should be completed in the next few weeks. As for getting a new life insurance company that will maintain coverage after 70, he has contacted a number of companies but so far, no one will maintain that coverage. Mr. Perez noted that about 10 members would be affected.

Mr. Perez reported that in order to change the LOSAP numbers, a public hearing must be held before a resolution can be passed. It was decided to hold hearing at 6:16 p.m prior to next month's meeting on November 9, 2020.

Finally the Contract Change for the Incentive Plan only needs to be signed off on by the President and Secretary.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Orchard questioned what the cost would be to stay with holding the Election in February and Mr. Perez said about \$8K-\$10K, as ballots must be sent to the whole District. With the added cost of the ballot machine, Mr. Orchard stated that the cost is so prohibitive, that it makes sense to move the District Election to the General Election in November. Mr. Perez stated that the Board would have to approve a working budget for 2021, utilizing the 2% cap. In addition, there would be administrative items and a public hearing or two, however, by moving to the General Election, the District would incur no ballot or equipment costs.

It was decided to table this issue until the next meeting. In the meantime, a conference call will be arranged with the Commissioners and Mr. Braslow to answer any questions the Board might have.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – Because of the pandemic, no Open House was held.

State Association – the next meeting will be in December.

Insurance – previously discussed.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: 2021 Budget and LOSAP: previously discussed.

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 it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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