

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 10, 2022

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 6:33 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of September Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

Reports:

Line Activities - Chief Perez reported the following:

- For the month of September there were 22 calls, 1 drill and 2 work details. YTD: 220 calls, 18 drills and 18 work details.
- The Fire Company made an appearance at Home Depot on Sept. 10 and it was a successful event.
- The Open House will be 10/15 at the New Road Station; this will be the first one in 3 years.

President's Report – The Presidents reported that the Fire Company is beginning to put together its 2023 Budget and will be focusing on obligatory expenses. He noted that utilities are costing a lot more, as well as trash collection, cleaning services and water and sewer. The Company would like to have the Board's approval to increase its budget, to reflect these increases, probably in the 3-6% range. This would not affect any discretionary expenses. The final budget numbers will be available for next month's meeting. The President noted that the last time the Fire Company had an increase in its budget was 11 years ago.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky reported that all the bills had been paid and everything was up to date. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve it, as presented, and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

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

- He is going through the insurance renewal process. The Workman's Comp insurance was paid and a questionnaire regarding property and casualty was completed. He is now waiting for the insurance companies to provide the premium costs.
- Two engines will be serviced soon.

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

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 - all is good.

State Association - the next meeting will be in Dec.

Insurance – previously discussed.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Mr. Olson reported that he was at the Henderson Road Station during the summer when it was extremely hot. Someone had turned the A/C up and it was really cold in the building. He noted that the building is empty most of the time. The Board discussed various options.

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. Olson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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