

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1  
in the Township of South Brunswick  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 12, 2023

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 6:37 pm. By Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

**Roll Call:**

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

Members absent: none

**Flag Salute:** completed

**Agenda Changes:** none

**Address from the Public:** none

**Approval of May Regular Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Stats for May: 36 calls, 2 work details and 2 drills. YTD: 126 calls, 10 work details and 13 drills.
- He reported that it was a very busy month and that the firefighters did a great job, particularly with the large fires.

President's Report – He reported that the dinner would be this coming Saturday. Also two new members will be sworn in at Monday's meeting: one junior and one regular.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the report (file copy attached) and stated that all bills were being paid this evening, including the Payroll. After the Board reviewed the Voucher List, Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve it 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 the following:

- The 2022 Audit was completed (file copy attached) and stated that it was a clean audit; there were no issues. Mr. Perez stated the District is in a good financial position.
- \$1692 was refunded to the District, due to over-payment of original insurance premium.
- There were a few issues with some trucks, but all have been resolved.
- There were issues with the radio and pager systems (they were down 1 ½ days) which caused some concerns, communicating during a fire call. It was noted that the firehouses have redundant systems, which allowed some communications. The Fire Chiefs are asking the Township to have redundant systems on their end.

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 good.

*State Association* – nothing has been received.

*Insurance* – all paid up.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** It was reported that Mr. Perez and Mr. Orchard attended a meeting, with the other districts Chiefs to discuss a daytime, 4-man, crew for the Township. Everyone agrees that a crew is needed, but details will need to be worked out, particularly funding and where the crew would be stationed in the Township.

This would begin next year, which will affect the 2024 budget process.

The Board discussed various issues that will need to be addressed.

**Executive Session & Address from the Public:** none

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Berezansky seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Bonnie R. L.Knigge

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