

In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 11, 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 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: Commissioner Berezansky

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of August Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Hohmeier 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 reported the following:

- For the month of August there were 25 calls, 2 drills and 3 work details. Which brings the yearly totals to 221 calls, 19 drills and 20 work details. He stated that the calls are on track for another 300 calls per year.
- 15 members attended the National Nite Out, which was heavily attended by Township residents.
- 4 new members have started Firefighting 1 training.

President – The President was no in attendance.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – The Commissioners reviewed the Report (file copy attached), after which, Mr. Hohmeier 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 the following:

1. He is waiting on an estimate for the Ladder Truck.
2. Four new gear have been ordered.
3. He is in the process of getting documentation ready to join a co-op that would eliminate the need to go out for bid on Truck 221.
4. There is an issue with the heat and A/C at Station 23. Mr. Olson will look into it and provide an estimated cost, so it can be included in budget planning.
5. An estimate for a new generator will also be needed for budget purposes.

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

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – no report this month.

Public Relations – Open House will be in Woodlot Park.

State Association – the next meeting will be in Wildwood: 9/14-9/16

Insurance – all policies are paid up; the renewal process will begin shortly.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Orchard brought up the need to find out how much it would cost for a paid firefighter and also a per diem cost. Mr. Perez stated it would be about \$100,000, which would need to be raised thru taxation, as it will be a reoccurring cost every year. The Commissioners discussed the funding options for the Ladder Truck, the generator and paid firefighters. As budget planning is coming up, the Board decided to work on the manpower issue first and revisit the Ladder Truck and generator sometime in 2024.

New Business: none

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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