

The Commissioners of Fire District No.1
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 11, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No.1, in the Township of South Brunswick, was called to order 6:42 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

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

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of February 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 stats for February: 27 calls, 2 drills and 2 work details, for a total YTD of 51 calls, 6 drills and 4 work details.

President – not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the report (file copy attached) and indicated that all bills had been paid. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve the List, as presented, and Mr. Josephson seconded it.

Secretary's Report – Ms. Berezansky and Mr. Olson were re-elected to the Board.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Perez reported the following:

- An agreement was reached with VFIS regarding the accident damage to Truck 228. \$22,500 was the amount the insurance covered. He noted that the parts have been ordered but it could take 8-10 weeks before it gets back on the road.
- The Workman's Comp Audit was completed and though there was a decrease this year, with the paid firefighter coming on board, it will probably increase.
- Negotiations on Shared Services have been completed and will be covered under New Business.
- Lawrence Schollenberger, Jr. was interviewed and offered the firefighter position, which he accepted. He will start on March 18, 2024.
- Yearly truck maintenance will start in April or May.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard thanked everyone who came up and voted on the Budget. He noted that there were a number of "no" votes received by mail.

Mr. Orchard reported that he, Mr. Olson, Ms. Berezansky met with Steve from District 3, about the possibility of merging. It was noted that a majority of District 3 Commissioners, are in favor of the merge, which would basically disband District 3. There are still a lot of variables to be looked into.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – the 2024 Budget was passed.

State Association – the next meeting will be in March.

Insurance – all policies are paid up.

Unfinished Business: Firefighter Position.

Mr. Perez read into the record Resolution 24/25-15: Authorizing the hiring of a Firefighter (file copy attached). The resolution stated that Lawrence Schollenberger, Jr. was appointed to the position. The starting salary will be \$57,500 per year and the position is eligible for overtime compensations, as authorized by the District administration. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Hohmeier-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Olson-yes and Mr. Josephson-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

Mr. Perez reported that the Interlocal Agreement needs to be signed by the Commissioners this evening. A resolution will be done at the April meeting. It was noted that Mr. Braslow recommended changing the agreement to the Shared Services agreement.

New Business: Mr. Orchard stated that it is time for new sweatshirts and Tshirts; the Commissioners agreed.

Address from the Public: none

Executive Session: none

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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