

The Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District No. 1

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 2, 2011

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 7:40 p.m. by Vice Chairman, Arthur Tarnowski, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Behrend, Rosenberg, Tarnowski and Olson.

Members absent: Commissioner Orchard

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address From the Public: no public present.

Approval of Minutes:

Special Meeting Minutes; 1/24 – Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Special Meeting Minutes; 1/28 – Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Olson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Mr. Tarnowski stated that the minutes for the regular monthly meeting in February were not available at this time.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez was not present, however, the Asst. Chief presented the following report. He noted that, due to the move, the computer reporting system was not available to generate the Statistics Report.

- For the month of February there were 27 incidents: 23 emergency calls, 2 drills and 2 maintenances.
- Both the Chief and Asst. Chief will be attending the Fire Department Instructors Conference on 3/23 to 3/26. The two Captains will be in charge in their absence.

- The Company is looking into purchasing new Air Pak Brackets for the two engines and the ladder truck. These brackets are more modern and require less maintenance. The cost is about \$5,700 and Mr. Corris can install them. Mr. Rosenberg explained that the cost would come from this year's Fire Equipment Budget.
- The new move-in date for Station 22 is May 15, 2011.
- The pre-built for the Rescue Truck took place earlier in February and due to changes requested by the Committee, there will be a \$4,000 increase to the total cost. Mr. Rosenberg stated that he thought a number of changes were part of the original bid spec. Mr. Corris stated the changes to be made were not part of the original spec; specifically labor and material costs for items moved around. It was noted that the District would be getting about \$18K/\$19K back because of the way it was financed and the pre-payment discount. This will make the cost of the vehicle \$609K, which is less than originally thought.
- The Company decided not to pursue the purchase of a Wireless Controller for the Light Tower, as the cost of \$4K, seemed to steep.
- The target date for delivery of the Rescue Truck is September. This will enable the vendor to show the vehicle at the Wildwood Convention.
- There was a minor accident with Unit 230, which will be repaired shortly.

President – no report.

Treasurer's Report and Voucher List – The Commissioners reviewed the Report. Mr. Rosenberg stated that the new Auditor is ready to begin the Audit Report next week. Mr. Corris will contact them to begin the process.

Mr. Behrend made a motion to approve the Voucher List as submitted and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Olson reported that the election was held and both he and Mr. Rosenberg were re-elected. It was noted that there were 27 voters, with an additional 2 absentee votes. The budget passed 26 to approve and 3 against. Certifications were submitted to the Township and the State.

Fire Coordinator's Report - Mr. Corris presented his report (file copy attached).

There was a brief discussion of where the monies would come from for purchase of a new fire panel; Mr. Rosenberg stated that payment could come from the Improvement Fund and he recommended proceeding with it. Mr. Rosenberg recommended going with Central Jersey Securities who would be responsible for the installation and monitoring.

Mr. Corris presented a quote from Clean Air Company, Inc. who sells equipment to remove diesel fumes from buildings. This would be beneficial to the Rescue side of Station 23. The Board agreed to proceed.

Chairman – Mr. Orchard was not present.

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison - Mr. Behrend had no report.

Public Relations – Mr. Behrend reported that the Newsletter is at the printers. Articles include the new building, dryer safety and a history of the Fire Company.

Rescue Squad Liaison – no report.

State Association – The meeting will be this month.

Joint Board – The reorganization meeting will be April 20th.

Insurance - It was noted that a claim may be submitted for Unit 230. This needs to be looked into further.

Unfinished Business: The Rescue Truck was previously discussed.

New Business: none

Executive Session: none

Address From the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Behrend made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rosenberg seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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