

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 12, 2014

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 6:30 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Commissioners Josephson, Olson, Orchard, Rosenberg and Tarnowski.

Members absent: none

**Flag Salute:** completed

**Agenda Changes:** none

**Address from the Public:** none

**Approval of April Regular Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Tarnowski seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- The Brush Truck is in service and the membership is happy with it.
- The Company responded to a large warehouse fire in Woodbridge three weeks ago and spent 10 hours at it. Everything went well.
- The radio system has had some sporadic issues over the past couple of months but today it seems to be working better.
- Stats were not available.

President's Report – Mr. Josephson reported the following:

- The first training competition was held last month and the membership seems to like this activity.
- This month training is being held on the operation of the new Brush Truck. In June, there will be training on operation of the Engine.
- Some members participated in the 5K Hugs for Brady walk, in fire gear. Also the Rescue Truck was shown at this community event.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Mr. Rosenberg presented the report (file copy attached). He reported that budget-wise everything is good. Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the Voucher List as presented and Mr. Tarnowski seconded it. A vote was taken and passed.

Secretary's Report- nothing to report.

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

1. Maintenance was done on the ventilation system at Station 23 and is running well now.
2. Doors at Station 23 will be painted within the next couple of weeks.
3. Alan Landscaping is doing a great job at Station 23.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Orchard presented the new contract for the fire inspector, with areas highlighted that he wants removed. The Commissioners were asked to review it and make any changes they saw fit. Mr. Orchard also distributed a letter from an Assemblyman, seeking support for a bill that would extend the eligibility age, for exempt firemen, from 45 to 65 years of age. It would also provide a tax credit for all first responders.

Standing Committee Reports –

*Fire Company Liaison* – nothing to report.

*Rescue Squad Liaison* – nothing to report.

*Public Relations* – the website is up-to-date.

*State Association* – the next meeting will be June.

*Insurance* – Mr. Perez reported that a letter was received from the life insurance company that there was an error in Jack Burke's birth date that resulted in an inaccurate premium. Based on research done by Mr. Perez, the life insurance company made the mistake; he will continue to work on this issue.

He also reported that a civilian hit the side of the New Road building with her car and a police report was filed. The lady's insurance company will cover the costs.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. The Utility Truck is in and the Commissioners were urged to check it out.
2. 2013 Audit - Mr. Rosenberg reported that a meeting had been held to review the 2013 Audit, including the section titled "General Comments and Recommendations". Final official copies were distributed to the Commissioners (file copy attached). Mr. Rosenberg read Resolution 14/15 – 11: Acceptance of 2013 Audit into the record (file copy attached). Mr. Olson made a motion to accept the resolution and Mr. Josephson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Tarnowski-yes; Mr. Rosenberg-yes and Mr. Orchard-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

**New Business:** Mr. Perez reported that he met with a representative from Opticom regarding the lighting system that can be installed on the trucks, so engine drivers can control the traffic lights on Route 1. In addition, there was discussion about flashing light controls in front of the New Road building, which the Traffic Safety Bureau has already given approval for. The estimated cost would be about \$13,500 for the solar panel and the flashing signs. Mr. Perez stated that it was possible that the Township would assist with installation. More research is needed, including whether a survey would be required and if the trees would impact the solar panels.

Route 1 lights is a long-term project and would cost \$10K per light; shared between the three districts. District 1 would need to cover the cost for 3 lights.

**Executive Session:** none

**Address from the Public:** none

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Tarnowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Josephson seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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