

The Board of Fire Commissioners
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 14, 2020

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 Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Berezansky, Josephson, Luterzo, Olson and Orchard (virtually).

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes, Address from the Public, Approval of November minutes and Report of Line Activities: these items were not audible on the tape.

Report:

President's Report – The President reported that the Executive and Line Officers, will remain the same for 2020/2021. He also stated that the Fire Company Dinner has been rescheduled and more info will follow.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the report (file copy attached). She indicated that there were a lot of bills to be paid and all were. She also reported that she, Chief Perez and Chairman Orchard, had discussed moving \$100K from checking and putting in the Cash Management Fund. This will put back what was borrowed a few years back. The Board agreed with this action.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Olson had nothing to report.

Fire Coordinator's Report – Mr. Perez that the Fire Safety Trailer that was put up for auction and went extremely well. There were 19 bids and finally sold for \$4,350. There were fees associated with the sale, so the final amount received was \$4,132.50. Each fire district will received a check for \$1,337.50.

A new Life Insurance Company was selected. Regular members will receive a benefit of \$30K and those members over 75, will receive \$17,500. The premium will be slightly less than with the old company.

All end-of-year items have been completed and the budget is ready to go.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Orchard wanted to thank Mr. Olson for fixing the Water Heater and heating.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – Santacade was a great success and the Company took a truck to Past-Commissioner McIntire's home and were able to visit with him. His family greatly appreciated this gesture.

State Association – there has been no communication from the organization.

Insurance – Everything is in order.

Unfinished Business: 2021 Fire District Election: Mr. Orchard reported that the Election probably will be rescheduled to April 20, 2021 and the districts will be reimbursed for any costs. Other particulars are still being worked on.

New Business: 2021 Budget: Mr. Perez read into the record, Resolution 20/21-15: 2021 Fire District Budget Resolution (file copy attached). He noted that there did not need to have a referendum, as the budget is below the cap.

"The Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$874,050.00 which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$867,750.00 and Total Appropriations of \$874,050.00". Mr. Perez noted that this is a \$10K increase from last year. Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented and Ms. Berezansky seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Luterzo-yes; Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Olson-yes and Mr. Orchard – yes. The Resolution passed unanimously.

It was noted that the ratables were \$16 million for the District, which helped with the Budget's bottom line.

Resolution 20/21-16: Authorizing Salary Increase Relative to Fire Coordinator: (file copy attached). Mr. Perez read the Resolution into the record: "The salary of Fire Coordinator Christopher Perez is increased by 3%, retroactive to October 1, 2020". Ms. Berezansky made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented and Mr. Luterzo seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Luterzo-yes and Ms. Berezansky-yes. The Resolution passed unanimously.

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Ms. Berezansky made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Luterzo seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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