

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 12, 2022

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 Berezansky, Hohmeier, Josephson, Olson and Orchard.

Members absent: none

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of October & November Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and pass unanimously.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Stats for November: 29 calls; 1 drill & 2 duties. YTD: 374 calls; 22 drills and 22 duties. He noted that YTD is a little higher than last year. (file copy of reports, attached).

President – The President was not available.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the report and stated that all bills would be paid by the end of the evening. After review of the Voucher List, Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve the

List, 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:

- The Ladder Truck came back from service, including testing. Still a mechanical issue that will be addressed shortly.
- The 2023 Budget is ready to go.
- The Fire Protection Agreement regarding Mr. Perez's salary will be signed this evening by the Chairman and Treasurer. Everything is the same and reflects a 6% raise.
- All insurance premiums have been paid and a date will be set up to do an Workman's Comp audit.

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

Standing Committee Reports –

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – SantaCade went well.

State Association – the meeting will be in Dec.

Insurance – previously discussed.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: The Board reviewed the 2023 Budget. Mr. Perez stated that there were some increases in certain line items, as well as, some decreases.

The increases were:

- Fire Company Contract was discussed at last month's meeting and the increase approved.
- Truck Insurance was due to keeping up with the replacement value.
- Dues & Subscriptions increased due to a subscription to Peachtree, which in the past has not been included in the budget.
- The Cascade System and Breathing Test Machine also went up.

Decreases were:

- LOSAP went down, as membership has dropped, which also causes medical physicals to be reduced.
- The Election line item was reduced, as the County is now handling most of the process.

The Budget increased by 1.8%, which is under the 2% cap, so no referendum needs to be done. It was noted that no infusion of cash was required, at this time.

The resolution to accept the introduction of the 2023 Fire Budget was distributed to the Commissioners. The following paragraph was read into the record...Whereas, the Annual Budget, as introduced, reflects Total Revenues of \$895,600.00, which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$889,300.00 and Total Appropriations of \$895,600.00;....

Mr. Olson made a motion to accept Resolution 22/23-14 (file copy attached) and Mr. Hohmeier seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Hohmeier-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes; Ms. Berezansky-yes; and Mr. Olson-yes. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolution 22/23-15: Authorizing Salary Increase Relative to Fire Coordinator (file copy attached). As discussed previously, Mr. Perez's salary will be increased by 6%. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Hohmeier-yes; Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes and Mr. Olson-yes. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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