

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 9, 2023

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

Public Hearing on 2023 Budget: no one was present from the public.

Address from the Public: none

Approval of December Meeting Minutes: Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez presented the following:

- Fire Calls similar to the last years calls, in the 300 range.
- New Fire Company Officers: President – David Melchisky; Vice President – Ali Moosavi; Secretary – Steven Dauster and Lieutenant Peter Traficante.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the report and stated that all bills for 2022 had been paid and the books closed.

After a review of the Voucher List, Mr. Olson made a motion to accept it, as presented and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Mr. Perez presented Resolution 23/24-1: Authorizing Adoption of a Temporary Budget for 2023. This resolution lets operations continue until the 2023 Budget Election, which is Feb. 18th. Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to accept the resolution and Ms. Berezansky seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Hohmeier-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes and Mr. Orchard-yes. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Perez presented Resolution 23/24-2: Authorizing Budget Transfers Relative to 2022 Budget:

- \$7 from Station 23 Improvements to Station 23 Utilities.
- \$425 from Station 23 Improvements to Station 23 Garbage.
- \$1500 from Travel to Dues and Subscriptions.
- \$22,000 from Fire Equipment to Maintenance & Repairs.
- \$1000 from Bank Service Charges to Firefighting Supplies.
- \$50 from Bank Service Charges to Uniforms.
- \$1700 from Ladder & Hose Testing to Maintenance Agreements.

Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to accept the resolution and Mr. Olson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously by all Commissioners.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Perez reported that the 2023 Budget was approved conditionally. All paperwork regarding the Election is in the process and that Mr. Orchard is up for re-election.

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

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 – everything is OK.

State Association – the next meeting will be in March.

Insurance – all policies are paid.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Adoption of 2023 Budget. As Mr. Perez reported earlier, the 2023 was approved conditionally because the State now requires that Commissioners Salaries must be included with the budget.

He presented Resolution 23/24-3: Authorizes the Annual Salaries for the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners, as follows: \$3500 each for four Commissioners and \$5000 for the Treasurer. Mr. Josephson made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Hohmeier seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously by all five Commissioners.

Resolution 23/24-4: Resolution to Adopt the Approved Budget was presented by Mr. Perez. The Budget includes total revenues of \$895,600 and the amount to be raised by taxation is \$889,300. Mr. Josephson made a motion to adopt the 2023 Budget as presented and Mr. Hohmeier seconded it. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously by all five Commissioners.

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Josephson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Bonnie R. L. Knigge Filename: mr010923