

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
In the Township of South Brunswick
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 13, 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 6:37 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 February Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Josephson made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, and Mr. Hohmeier seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Stats for the month: 21 calls, 2 drills and 2 work details. YTD- 40 calls, 6 drills and 6 work details.
- He noted it was a fairly busy February, with most of the calls were during the day, which were able to be covered. A number of calls were regarding gas mains.

President – The President reported that he is continuing to work with the Ladies Auxiliary about funding the washer for Fire Company gear.

There was a brief discussion about possible gifts for the Installation Dinner and what the budget for the gifts. This issue was tabled.

Treasurer's Report/Voucher List: Commissioner Berezansky presented the report and stated that all bills had been paid and everything is up to date. She stated that the Absolute bill was large, as three trucks had gone out for maintenance. After review of the list, Mr. Josephson made a motion to approve the Voucher List, as presented, and Mr. Olson 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:

1. The Financial Audit was done; waiting on the final report, which should be available for next month's meeting.
2. The Workman's Comp Audit was completed and there may be a reduction in the premium.
3. There are major pager issues. A meeting was held with the Fire Chiefs, Police and radio repair people. It was noted that the paging system has been antiquated for quite awhile. The Township sent a letter stating that repairs to the system would be kept up until 8/30/23. Both Districts 1 and 2 informed the Township that the Districts cannot fund repairs, as the costs have not been included in the 2023 Budgets. It was noted that each pagers costs about \$600. More details should be available at next month's meeting.
4. The Air Paks are on their way.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Orchard thanked everyone for voting, but noted that there was an issue about absentee ballots.

Standing Committee Reports:

Fire Company Liaison – nothing to report.

Rescue Squad Liaison – nothing to report.

Public Relations – All OK and the Budget passed.

State Association – next meeting will be over Zoom.

Insurance – all policy premiums are paid up.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Executive Session: none

Address from the Pubic: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Berezansky seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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