

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

December 11, 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., 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 November Regular Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, and Mr. Olson seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported the following:

- Stats for Nov.: 27 calls, 3 training, 2 work details. YTD: 313 calls, 27 training, 2 work details.
- SantaCade was on 12/9 and was highly successful. Lots of people watched as Santa went by on the Firetrucks.
- Ladder Truck went out for testing. Insurance company now requires a “5-year non-destructive test” every year, as the truck is 15 years old. The truck passed and the certification document to follow.

President’s Report – Mr. Melchesky was not present.

Treasurer’s Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky presented the report (file copy attached) and stated that received bills had been paid; any outstanding bills will be paid at the January meeting.

Mr. Perez read into the record Resolution 23/24-16: Authorizing Budget Transfers Relative to 2023 Budget (file copy attached. Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to accept the resolution and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Berezansky-yes, Mr. Hohmeier-yes; Mr. Olson-yes; Mr. Orchard-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

After 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.

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

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

- The audit for Workman's Comp is in the process.
- A resolution will be presented this evening Authorizing Creation of a Position of Firefighter.
- Budget process continues and hopefully the State will not have any issues.

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 was a success.

*State Association* – nothing was received about the December meeting.

*Insurance* – all policies are up to date.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

1. Mr. Perez read into the record Resolution 23/24-15: Introduction of 2024 Budget (file copy attached). He specifically highlighted the following paragraph..."WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$1,496,569.00 which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$932,124.00 and Total Appropriations of \$1,496,569.00". He stated this budget is about 4.8% increase over last year's budget, however, monies left over for past 3 years from Capital, helped keep the increase down. He noted that ratables did increase a little also. Ms. Berezansky made a motion to accept the resolution and Mr. Olson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Berezansky-yes; Mr. Hohmeier-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Olson-yes and Mr. Orchard-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 23/24-17: Authorizing Creation of Position of Firefighter was read into the record by Mr. Perez (file copy attached). 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. Josephson-yes; Mr. Olson-yes and Mr. Orchard-yes. The resolution passed unanimously.

**Executive Session:** The Board went into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. to discuss firematics; they came out at 6:55 p.m. Resolution 23/24-18: Authorizing Salary Increase Relative to Fire Coordinator (file copy attached) which stated that the Fire Coordinator's salary will be increased by 24% for a total of \$110,000. It was noted that this increase is comparable to other fire coordinators. Mr. Hohmeier made a motion to accept the resolution and Mr. Josephson seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Berezansky; yes; Mr. Hohmeier-yes; Mr. Josephson-yes; Mr. Olson-yes and Mr. Orchard-yes. The resolution was passed unanimously.

**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 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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