

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

11/14/2017

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners District # 5 was called to order at 8:00 PM at the Freewood Acres Fire Company, 17 East 5th Street, Howell, New Jersey by Chairman Charles A. Davison. Chairman Davison led the Pledge to the flag. In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Asbury Park Press, Tri-town News, and the Township of Howell. The yearly meeting schedule published in the Asbury Park Press, Tri town News, January 2017 and posted at town hall.

Roll Call: Davison, J. Donahue, R. Donahue, Hodges, Jager.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read with a resolution by R. Donahue, 2nd by J. Donahue; roll call vote: All Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received from our Board Attorney, an e-mail in reference to the upcoming election, seeking information needed so he could post it publicly. R. Donahue sent the final 2018 budget to our auditor to be prepared and send to the DCA. Also received our truck inspection reports from Fail Safe with everything passing except 590, which is already scheduled for repair.

COMMITTEE REPORT: J. Hodges, after attending the Executive Board meeting, stated that currently the Fire Bureau is interviewing for a part-time fire inspector, and an assistant clerk. The Bureau also again met with officials with the FCC with no success in reference to existing radio problems.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes reported that when 590 returns from repair, 578 will be next to be sent. Also 596 most likely to be repaired in house.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Plasma cutter has been received and installed on truck.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by Hodges, 2nd by J. Donahue. Roll call vote: All yes. Also after a publicly held budget meeting and workshop, the Board, after restructuring the budget, decided

to increase the budget by 2% which is allowable by N.J. State Law. Our auditor, Mike Bart will be attending our Dec 12th meeting to adopt the final budget. Our new vehicle has been sent to the lighting shop for installation of new equipment.

MEMBERSHIP: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$205,449.55 Deposit: \$0.00, Spent: \$38,507.57. Monies on hand as of 11/14/2017, \$166,941.98. Motion by J. Donahue, 2nd by Hodges to accept treasurer's report. All were in favor.

With no other business being brought before the Board, with a motion by R. Donahue, 2nd by Jager, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13.

Respectfully Submitted:



Randolph W. Jager
Clerk

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