

*District # 5*  
P.O. Box 527  
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4/11/2017

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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, R. Donahue, J. Donahue, J.Hodges, Jager.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with an exception in the reorganization meeting minutes by J.Hodges stating he doesn't believe he made the comment "J.Hodges disagreed with R.Donahue filling the vacant seat stating that he is dishonest" Also commenting that this is why we need to tape record meetings. With exception, the minutes were accepted as read with a resolution by R.Donahue, 2nd by J.Hodges; roll call vote: All Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: J.Hodges thanked the Board for getting the District #5 township web page up to date. Also, R.Donahue sent to VFIS the structural report for truck #590 as they requested.

COMMITTEE REPORT: J. Hodges reported after attending the township Executive Board meeting as our delegate, the districts radio receivers and repeaters for our fire channels are near their life expectancy, and are becoming incompatible with other existing radio communication systems and need to be replaced because Motorola will no longer be able to service in the very near future. The antenna is still serviceable, including the comparator which is about 5 years old. The cost of this replacement and installation is approximately under \$15,000.00 per district. The e-board will be forming a committee to further discuss and get pricing.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes addressed truck and portables radios that they are currently 8 years old and non-compliant and are currently having transmitting and receiving problems which very well could be a lifesaving issue. They must be dual-band and digital capable and the cost is approximately \$6,000 for portables and \$8,000 for mobile units. It was recommended to

discuss this with the Howell Joint Board of Fire Commissioners to joint purchase 5 radios per district every year to get better pricing. J.Hodges was asked to bring this up at next e-board meeting to discuss in advance of the joint board meeting which is in June. Also mentioned, future additional purchases that include all scba packs will be non-compliant in 3 years and the air cascade system which is 25 years old and constantly in need of repair and one of three banks is non-repairable.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A new pager system bought up to board by J.Donahue was table again until June because of funds.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by Davison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Donahue. Roll call vote: All yes. Clerk Jager requested the purchase of an all in one printer to set up office in meeting room with fax capability. J.Hodges suggested purchase not to exceed \$150.00. A motion was made by Davison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J.Donahue. All in favor.

MEMBERSHIP: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT : Previous Balance: \$153,689.75. Spent: \$139,561.50 Monies on hand as of 4/11/2017, \$14,128.25 Motion by J. Donahue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J.Hodges to accept treasurer's report. All were in favor.

With no other business being brought before the Board, With a motion by J.Donahue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J.Hodges the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randolph W. Jager  
Clerk

