

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

5/9/2017

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 J. Donahue, 2nd by Jager; roll call vote: All Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: R. Donahue received notice from Pam Brown from VFIS requesting repair orders for truck 590 to complete its certification, which R. Donahue is sending tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORT: J. Hodges, after attending the Executive Board meeting, reported to replace out dated fire radio equipment for all districts to 700 MHz would cost each district approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000. R. Donahue added that all portables and truck radios and the base unit would have to be replace creating this enormous expense. Also feedback from the Howell Police who currently use the 700 MHz system, are not happy with its quality. The Board discuss to stay with the current radio system and replace all equipment with new at approximately \$25,000 per district. Also, Chief Lewis is submitting the bill for the comparator which was reported stuck by lightning to the insurance company.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes announced company physicals are May 22nd, all trucks have new CDC hazardous material response books in them, and purchased 5 defibrillator pads to replace expired ones. Also, Chief Barnes is requesting no equipment at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: J. Donahue spoke with Alpine software company to see if they would honor their prior quote until we have funds in July for a already Board approved paging system, they replied yes.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by Hodges, 2nd by J. Donahue. Roll call vote: All yes. R. Donahue received a call from VFIS after a meeting the Board had several months ago about consolidating our insurance policies to save money, and they finally came back to us with originally spending \$72,001.24 to \$15,917.10 annually, saving \$57,084.14 for the same coverage. Chairman Davison made comment that no one is to call the Board attorney, accept Chairman or Clerk. No exceptions.

MEMBERSHIP: Shannon Donnelly has been removed from the rolls with Freewood Acres Fire Company due to her percentage.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$13,465.17 Spent: \$11,336.85. Monies on hand as of 5/9/2017, \$2,128.32. Motion by Hodges, 2nd by J. Donahue 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 J. Donahue the meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randolph W. Jager
Clerk