

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

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6/13/2017

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 Hodges; roll call vote: All Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: R.Donahue sent all necessary paperwork to Pam Brown from VFIS to complete truck 590 certification. All Stanley Tvaroha Service Awards paperwork for Losap has been completed by Stanley and myself and e-mailed back to Jeremy Breeding. J.Hodges ask again if he could have a copy of the voter signature book, my reply after discussing this with the Board Attorney, he could look at the book, but no copies could be made because its property of Monmouth County.

COMMITTEE REPORT: J. Hodges, after attending the Executive Board meeting, reported Fire Bureau Chief Lewis suggested replacing outdated radio equipment with new and similar equipment to save money. He recommended to each district to allocate in their 2018 budgets approximately \$25,000.00 to cover these costs. Another discussion was Farmingdale Fire Department using Howell Fire dispatch without contributing any cost currently and after further replacements to system.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes announced company physicals are complete, also rear a/c compressor is faulty on truck 591, and pump on truck 596 is not pumping correctly, repair company has been notified.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by Jager, 2nd by J. Donahue. Roll call vote: All yes. Chairman Davison brought up installing solar panels on roof to save electrical costs in future by possibly 60%. He would like to set up meetings with several solar companies to discuss. J. Donahue brought up that Madison Park Fire Department, with one of their engines being unreliable and the other one going out for repair at the end of the month of July for approximately 30 days, ask if we could loan one of our trucks until theirs is repaired. Board agreed to table this until July meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Catherine Barnes, Jeremy Brito.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$2128.32, Deposit: \$10,464.71, Spent: \$10243.75, Monies on hand as of 6/13/2017, \$2,349.28. Motion by R. Donahue, 2nd by J. Donahue to accept treasurer's report. All were in favor. Also, J. Hodges mentioned to hire a forensic auditor to know where money is going and how we could save, especially since your budget is the lowest in town. R. Donahue said he would look into it. Note that the above deposit was part of the saving from the life insurance company from the previous month.

With no other business being brought before the Board, with a motion by R. Donahue, 2nd by J. Donahue the meeting was adjourned at 8:23.

Respectfully Submitted:



Randolph W. Jager
Clerk