

*Board of Fire Commissioners*

**District # 5**

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

09 Mar 17

The reorganization meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Davison at 8 P.M. in accordance with the sunshine law.

Roll Call:     \_X\_ C.D     \_X\_ J.D     \_X\_ J.H     \_X\_ R.J

In attendance is Board attorney Richard Braslow, Esq. Mr. Braslow will be conducting all appointment resolutions that refer to this meeting in accordance to NJ state law.

2017 election results: Hodges 113, J Donahue 103

Budget: 78 Yes        49 No

At this portion of the meeting Chairman Charles Davidson made an announcement of Ms Edna Donahue's resignation, which a letter was received by Acting Clerk R. Jager which reads to go in effect immediately.

After announcement Mr. Hodges argued the timing of the resignation. Mr. Braslow stated that Edna Donahue could resign at any time.

Mr. Braslow also created a resolution after a 3 to 1 vote that permits R Donahue to fill the vacant Commissioner seat until this year term expires. R Donahue was selected because he was the third highest vote in the 2017 election as stated by R Jager. J Hodges disagreed with R Donahue filling the vacant seat stating that he is dishonest, but was advised by Mr. Braslow that this appointment was well within the confines of the law.

Roll call vote on the resolution authorizing appointment of R. Donahue to the Commissioner vacancy:

\_yes\_ CD   \_yes\_ JD   \_no\_ JH   \_yes\_ RJ

J Donahue and J Hodges were sworn in at Town hall.

Nomination by R. Jager, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by R. Donahue:	Charles Davison	Chairman.
Nomination by R. Donahue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by J. Donahue:	Jeffrey Hodges	Vice Chairman.
Nomination by R. Donahue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by J. Donahue:	Randolph Jager	Clerk.
Nomination by R. Donahue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by C Davison:	Robert Donahue	Treasurer.
Nomination by C Davison, 2 <sup>nd</sup> R. Donahue:	Jeffrey Hodges	Executive Board Delegate.

Nomination by Jeffrey Hodges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jager James Donahue Executive Board Alternate.

The above were accepted by roll call vote: all yes

A resolution by R. Jager, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Donahue to allocate \$350.00 per meeting.

A resolution by R Jager 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Donahue to allocate \$4000.00 per year for clerk.

A resolution by R Jager 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Donahue to allocate \$4000.00 per year for treasurer.

A resolution by R. Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Hodges to allocate \$1,500.00 yearly expenses for engineers.

A resolution by R Jager 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Donahue to compensate \$500.00 for Fire Official.

A resolution by R. Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup> by R Jager to allocate \$100.00 a day for food expenses on overnight stay with prior authorization by Commissioner board.

A resolution by R. Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davison authorizing regular meeting schedule.

A resolution by R. Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Hodges for the adoption of Cash Management Plan utilizing Santandor Bank.

A resolution by R. Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Donahue authorizing official newspaper to be Asbury Park Press and Tri-Town News.

A resolution by R Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Hodges authorizing approval and payment of claims.

A resolution by R. Jager 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Donahue authorizing appointment of Bart and Bart, Auditor.

A resolution by R Jager 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Donahue authorizing appointment of Richard Braslow, Esq. Attorney.

A resolution by R. Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Hodges designating a Surety Bond in the amount of \$650,000.00 per commissioner.

All above were accepted by a roll call vote: all present were in favor except J Hodges on the \$350 per meeting.

With no other business coming before the Board the reorganization meeting was adjourned on a motion by J. Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Jager. Roll call vote: all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Randolph W Jager -Clerk

