## **Board of Fire Commissioners**

District # 5
P.O. Box 527
Howell, New Jersey 07731

## 1/9/2018

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.

\*At this portion of the meeting, Mike Bart our Board Auditor made the announcement that the budget was submitted to the State (DCA) and was approved for the amount of \$851,987.00 and the amount to be raised by taxes are \$755,915.00. A resolution to adopt budget by Board was passed as all in favor.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Received an affidavit to sign from Gannett publishers to recognize them as our current newspaper for public information postings. Also, we need to correct Howell's Fire District website listing current commissioner's from John Donahue to James Donahue, apparently a misspell.

COMMITTEE REPORT: J. Hodges stated the December Executive Board meeting was canceled.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes reported that 588 alternator was replaced, and that 596 has an air leak and is currently being repaired. Also, the price to replace damaged lighting on 590 is \$1,565.00 and lighting on 578 is \$1,445.00. The Chief also requested 5 replacement pagers at a cost of \$420.00 each with a 2-year warranty. Hodges asked Chief Barnes what policies are in

place when a driver damages either a truck or equipment, and Chief Barnes reply was either removal as driver or discipline as per case-by-case.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chief Donahue stated new Tahoe is waiting for the dual-band radio which has been shipped on January  $16^{\rm th}$  to the installer.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by Hodges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Donahue. Roll call vote: All yes. Chairman Davison stated he wanted a roll call vote to purchase 5 pagers at a cost of \$420.00 each. A motion was made by Hodges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Donahue, all in favor: All yes. Another motion to purchase replacement lighting for both 590 and 578 was made by R. Donahue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Donahue, all in favor: All yes.

MEMBERSHIP: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$134,752.89 Deposit: \$0.00 Spent: \$42,929.88. Monies on hand as of 1/9/2018, \$91,823.01. Motion by Hodges,  $2^{nd}$  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,  $2^{nd}$  by Hodges, the meeting was adjourned at 2016 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randolph W. Jager

Clerk