

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

11/13/2018

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 James Donahue. Chairman J. Donahue 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 2018 and posted at town hall.

Roll Call: J. Donahue, R. Donahue, Harper, Hodges, Jager.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: There will be 2 seats up for elections this February and our Board Attorney has announced them publicly, a 3-year term and a 2-year unexpired term. Steven Schwartz service awards package has been completed and acknowledged by Losap. Chief Lewis has sent the Board a proposal for a hydrant to be installed at Rt# 9 and West farms rd. The Board approved this project and it will be returned back to the Bureau.

COMMITTEE REPORT: R. Donahue stated that the new repeater/ receiver system is up and running and no problems.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes was present during the meeting and was requesting some equipment needed such as a portable Stream light led scene light for \$645.00, and advanced gas leak detectors at the cost of \$335.00 ea. And (4) 12", 24", 36" Para Tech Strut Extensions at a

total of \$2878.00. Also, the Chief requested a reimbursement for our annual clothing allowance of \$8,549.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: I, the Clerk will have the revised by-laws typed up for the next regular meeting. The prior government wireless plan for our cellphones has been canceled as per the Board decision, cancel date went in effect as of October 26th.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills J. Donahue 2nd by Hodges. Chairman J. Donahue suggested we meet for a workshop meeting for our upcoming budget, as discussed would be Nov, 29th at 2000hrs, all agreed. This meeting will be publicly advertised accordingly with state law. Also, there will a 2019 Budget Hearing set for December 11th, at 2000 hrs, for the transfer of monies if needed on December 20th at 2000hrs. As per the Chiefs requests, a motion by R. Donahue, 2nd by Harper to purchase (1) gas leak detector for \$335.00, a portable scene light for \$645.00, and all strut extensions totaling \$2,878.00. Also approved was the clothing allowance in the amount of \$8549.00.

MEMBERSHIP: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$222,630.37. Deposit \$0.00. Spent: \$22,975.47. Monies on hand as of 11/13/2018, \$199,654.90. Motion by J Hodges, 2nd by R Jager to accept treasurer's report. All were in favor.

With no other business being brought before the Board, with a motion by Jager 2nd by Hodges, the meeting was adjourned at 2021 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted:



Randolph W. Jager
Clerk