

# Board of Fire Commissioners

*District # 5*

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

12/11/2018

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Received from the Board Attorney forms of resolutions concerning budget transfers and the adoption of a temporary budget. Also returned the completed 2019 VFIS valuation package for losap, and received copy of the advertisement for the Dec 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to transfer funds if needed.

**Notice:** A special advertised public meeting was held on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 2019 budget and the Board agreed by a roll call vote in which all was in favor to raise the budget by 2% to cover additional costs when the hydrants are installed in both the east and west sections of Freewood Acres. Those Board members were J. Donahue, R. Donahue, Harper, Hodges, Jager. Also discussed was possible equipment which is going to need to be replace in the near future. This meeting was adjourned at 2032 hrs. with a motion by R. Donahue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jager.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Executive Board announced that the receiver/ repeaters conduit at West Farms road had water in it and froze. The company that recently installed the system will be notified for repair and covered under warranty.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Barnes was present during the meeting and announced that all ladder testing is complete on all apparatus and (4) ground ladders have failed their annual test and will have to be replaced. Also starting Dec 18<sup>th</sup> all annual pump and hose testing will begin on all our apparatus and back- up stock.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills Hodges 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harper. The Board discussed possibly paying off the trucks loan balances, but after researching with our auditor, our budget would not benefit from this financially to save monies at this time. As per our Chief's, in need at this time, is replacing about (10) sets of turn-out gear, gloves and hoods which the existing sets are soon to expire. And replacing our aging cascade system to fill our scba air bottles which is constantly in need of repair. This will be discussed at our upcoming special meeting to transfer funds if needed which will be held publicly on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Barnes will be getting quotes to replace our failed ground ladders.

MEMBERSHIP: Joe Petito

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$199,654.90. Deposit \$236,367.43. New Balance \$436,022.33 Spent: \$217,459.75. Monies on hand as of 12/11/2018, \$218,562.58. Motion by J Hodges, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Hodges 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harper, the meeting was adjourned at 2031 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randolph W. Jager  
Clerk