

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

3/13/2018

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 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: The Board Clerk has sent to the DCA all election forms that they have requested. Also sent the 2018 Annual Election results to both the Township of Howell, and the Monmouth County Board of Taxation. The Board Clerk also completed all required Reorganizational Resolutions and were sent to both the Board Attorney, and to our Fire District #5 website. Both Catherine Barnes and Anthony Jacobs losap applications were submitted to VFIS. Robert Donahue has sent in all paperwork to be in compliant with workman's compensation. Also, he received a check from our life insurance company in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Barbara Moore in the passing of her late husband Edward Moore Sr. our fallen brother.

COMMITTEE REPORT: J. Hodges, after attending the Executive Board meeting, stated the Town Manager mentioned 19-1 issues and brought up that soon they are going to expect some type of compensation for a fire dispatcher from the fire districts.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: William Donahue, a resident from the floor asked that the Board enforce the already Fire Department policy of no smoking in District vehicles.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Received our new card printer 2 weeks ago. Requesting 2 classes: thermal imaging fire ground decision making, and modern fire behavior. Each class is \$900.00, totaling \$1800.00. Also received a quote for repairing our air cascade unit for \$1754.78. Also mentioned that the fire radio problems are still existing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The new Tahoe was picked up and is currently in service and are waiting for a chip for the dual band radio to be able to communicate with Jackson Fire.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by J. Donahue, 2nd by Hodges. Roll call vote: All yes. Chairman Davison requested several motions: To purchase 20 Scott bottles at approximately \$600.00 ea. A motion by R. Donahue, 2nd by J. Donahue, all in favor. A motion to have 2 classes at \$900.00 ea. totaling \$1800.00, a motion was made by Hodges, 2nd by J. Donahue, all in favor. A motion to repair our air cascade system at a cost of \$1,754.78, a motion was made by R. Donahue, 2nd by Jager, all in favor. The Board has agreed to enforce the fire company no smoking in district owned vehicle policy. The Board Clerk will type the policy, and post in several locations, including at the next company meeting. Hodges also suggested to have members sign a sheet that they are aware of such policy. Consequences for violating this policy range from written warning, suspension, removal from company, and taking away a chief's vehicle. Chief R. Donahue mentioned that Fire Bureau Chief Lewis suggested waiting until repeaters/ receivers are replaced and also have the batteries checked before replacing radios.

MEMBERSHIP: James Andreen, Matthew Milich, Joe Glinski have been removed from the rolls.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$48,427.72, Deposit: \$0.00, Spent: \$25,089.09 Monies on hand as of 3/13/2018, \$23,338.63. Motion by Jager, 2nd by Hodges to accept treasurer's report. All were in favor.

With no other business being brought before the Board, with a motion by R. Donahue, 2nd by Hodges, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully Submitted:



Randolph W. Jager
Clerk