

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

5/8/2018

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 Vice Chairman Jeffrey Hodges. Vice Chairman Hodges 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, Hodges, Jager.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board has been informed of the unfortunate passing of one of our brothers Charles Davison, Chairman of the Board and President of the fire company. R. Donahue prepared the life insurance paperwork as a result of his untimely passing. May he rest in peace and God Bless his family.

COMMITTEE REPORT: J Donahue stated at the executive board meeting that they discussed the possibility of the radio issues being corrected by the installation of the new repeaters/receivers. That installation project has been completed.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes stated that the smoking policy in the vehicles has been signed at a fire company meeting and is on file. Also, the Chief has requested 15 five, gallon, pails of class A foam at a price of \$89.50 each totaling \$1,342.50. Jeff Hodges questioned if it would be more feasible to purchase a 55, gallon, drum and the Chief's reply was that it is easier to siphon the 5, gallon, pails into the trucks foam system and also store the pails in the trucks. He also requested a Fire Tuff chain saw with an 18" bar at a price of \$580.00 and two K-970 saws with a 12" blade at a price of \$1,585.00 each totaling \$3,170.00. Also, Husky 12" spare blades (six) at a price of \$165.00 each totaling \$990.00 and two aluminum saw storage boxes at a price of

\$425.00 totaling \$850.00. Also requested four dual/band radios one for each Chief's vehicle and one for our first due truck out of the building at a price of \$8,500 each totaling \$34,000. The Board discussed and agreed to purchase, for now, two dual/band radios because of the cost and then purchase two more after the July 1st budget check. Also Mr. Hodges questioned where's the SCBA bottles, asking if they were in yet. The reply from the Chief was approximately one week. Mr. Hodges questioned whether two members were going to the pump operation class training at Dover Township Fire Academy. The Chief's reply was that it is hold for now because the class is full. The Chief immediately notified Chief Carson from Jackson 55 and they were going to have a pump operation class soon and they will attend that class. Also, the Chief wants to have a joint extrication class from an outside company in the near future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Due to the circumstances with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office we are going to have to renew "I Am Responding" software at a price of \$800.00 annual because the Prosecutor's office confiscated the red alert system software and server. Also, Chief Donahue's Tahoe, the chip for the radio has been installed.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by J. Donahue, 2nd by R. Donahue. Motion to purchase 15 five, gallon, pails of class A foam at a cost of \$89.50 each totaling \$1,342.50. Motion was made by R Donahue, 2nd by J Donahue. Motion made by R Donahue, 2nd by R Jager to purchase six 12" blades and two K-970 saws and a Fire Tuff chain saw with an 18" bar and two aluminum storage boxes for a total price of \$5,590.00. Motion made by R Donahue, 2nd by J Donahue for two dual band radios at a total cost of \$17,000. Motion made by R Donahue, 2nd by J Hodges to subscribe for "I Am Responding" software for \$800.00.

MEMBERSHIP: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$102,733.47 Deposit: \$0.00 Spent: \$17,378.13. Monies on hand as of 5/8/2018, \$84,555.34. Motion by J Donahue, 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 R Jager, 2nd by R Donahue, the meeting was adjourned at 2026 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randolph W. Jager
Clerk

