

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

6/12/2018

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.

*at this portion of the meeting, Mike Bart, our Board auditor presented us with the audit and financial statements for the years ending 12/1/17 and 12/31/16. We made a resolution to accept with a roll call vote, all in favor

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

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board has been presented with two bills, first is the "Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act" and the second concerning sick leave and supplementing P.L. 1966, c. 113.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Now that the radio installation project has been completed Fire Bureau Chief Bob Lewis mentioned that the radio project cannot run properly without installing a new battery backup system which not figured into the budget. Also, the Executive/Joint Boards suggested having a Howell Township fire commissioner present with the Howell Township planning board with the purpose of reviewing and discussing the site plans in reference to our town wide fire departments functions. Hodges volunteered for this position and was accepted by the Joint Board which was all in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: The saws and boxes that were requested by Chief Barnes and approved by the Board recently came in and are waiting to be installed. Also, the two dual/band radios have been ordered. And the lighting which was ordered came in wrong and was returned and the correct ones ordered. Also, we are waiting for the tanker piston valve to come in. The Chief also recommended that everybody whether fireman or non-fireman take their physical because we paid for 15 members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Also, the Board discussed contacting our Board attorney to notify the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office of the return of the computers/servers which was confiscated on March 26, 2018 and is needed to function properly.

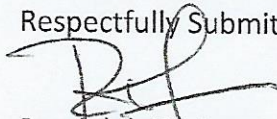
NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by J. Donahue, 2nd by J Hodges. R Donahue made a motion to fill the vacant commissioner seat in return was argued by J Hodges based on his interpretation of NJ Statute Title 40A:14-70, and also Board of Fire Commissioners, District #5 By-Laws. His interpretation was argued by R Donahue of what that law actually states. In which I, the Clerk Jager realize the potential of an ongoing argument to table this discussion at the next meeting with the Board attorney present.

MEMBERSHIP: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$82,418.91 Deposit: \$2,723.49 Spent: \$54,753.49. Monies on hand as of 6/12/2018, \$30,388.91. Motion by R Jager, 2nd 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 Jager, 2nd by J Donahue, the meeting was adjourned at 2031 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted:



Randolph W. Jager
Clerk