

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

7/10/2018

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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 Jager, 2nd by J Donahue; roll call vote: All Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: R. Donahue stated he received the 2018 Losap Valuation packets, in which he will hand out to members at next fire company meeting. Also, I the Clerk received a memo from VFIS in regards to rehire dates for returning members.

COMMITTEE REPORT: At the Executive Board Meeting, the commissioners questioned why the battery backup system wasn't included in the overall cost of the radio installation project, the Fire Bureau Chief stated he was going to try to get the contractor to pay for the additional costs, and then have a special meeting to discuss with the Joint Board of Fire Commissioners.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: Stanley Tvaroha, a resident and member of the district, noted that the Fire District Commissioners by-laws state that any fire chiefs in this district have to live in town, that the Board may want to address in near future.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes reported that both radios are in and the lighting equipment but was incorrect and was sent back and proper lights were in transit, including tanker piston valve.

The Chief requested 2 more portables for our first due trucks so we can communicate with other fire companies for mutual aid. Vice President Hodges wanted to know if all fireman were up to date with their physicals, Chiefs response was they are.

- At this portion of the meeting, we the Board were on speaker phone with our Board Attorney to discuss the N.J. law pertaining to fulfilling the vacancy of our fallen brother Commissioner Chairman Charles Davison Jr. The Board Attorney stated that was up to the majority to decide. At this time I, the Clerk called for a roll call vote: J. Donahue, R. Donahue, and myself Jager voted yes, Hodges voting no. Majority rules to fill vacancy as was discuss.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hodges stated he was in contact with the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office to be able to return our computers, server, so we can function as a company, their response was possibly the computers in near future, but not the server.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by R. Donahue, 2nd by J. Donahue. The chief suggested we get a quote to replace our server which was confiscated since March 26th by the Monmouth County Prosecutor Office and will discuss at our next monthly meeting. Also introduced was Kenneth Harper who was interested in filling the commissioner vacancy. This became an open floor discussion with Board with questions and answers. A motion to accept Kenneth Harper to fulfill the commissioner's vacancy was made by: Jager, 2nd by J. Donahue. Roll call vote: J. Donahue, R. Donahue, Hodges, Jager all voted : Yes. The Board Attorney will present a resolution to be posted publicly. A motion to purchase 2 portable radios at approximately \$8000.00 each was made by J. Donahue, 2nd by Jager.

MEMBERSHIP: Angel Liranzo, with also 2 pending applications.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$30,388.91 Deposit: \$170,084.82 Spent: \$41,093.08. Monies on hand as of 7/10/2018, \$159,380.65. Motion by J. Donahue, 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 Jager, 2nd by R Donahue, the meeting was adjourned at 2039 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randolph W. Jager
Clerk