

# Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

8/14/2018

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 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, Harper, 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: I, the clerk, removed Anthony Jacobs and from Losap and added Brian Alicia back onto Losap to complete the 2018 evaluation package. I, also received and completed an annuity increase authorization form for Stanley Tvaroha to increase his benefit to \$20.00 more per month with the Board's approval.

COMMITTEE REPORT: At the special Joint Board meeting, which was held 7/12/18 at 7:30p at the Southard Fire Station, all agreed to approve the additional purchase of a replacement battery backup for the repeater/receiver radio system. This cost will be shared by all 5 Districts which is approximately \$1400.00 per District.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes was absent during the meeting. Lt. Donahue mentioned the fuel pump system is not working correctly. The clerk will notify a company to do the repair. Also, there was a request for a Fit-Test machine for the amount of \$9,295.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: R Donahue mentioned the need to fill the Chairman's seat. No resolution is needed to fill seat just the majority vote of the board. Hodges contacted the prosecutor's office about getting our servers/computers back. They indicated they would have to contact their IT department and there has been no response back.

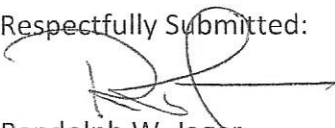
NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills J Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hodges. Hodges made a motion to fill the Chairman's seat with himself, with no 2<sup>nd</sup>. Harper made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jager to fill the Chairman's seat with J. Donahue. All in favor except Hodges. Harper will become the Commissioner at large. Also, at this time, the board decided to table to the next meeting the purchase of a Fit-Test machine. Also mentioned by J Donahue due to his fire training schedule asked if we could move the meeting from 10/9/18 to 10/16/18. The Board had no problem with moving the meeting but the Clerk would have to notify the Board attorney because of the notice to the public. Also, Hodges proposed a by-law change which the first reading is tonight to change the language from "the Chief live within the boundaries of the district" to "the Chief shall live within 2 miles of the district boundaries". Hodges also mentioned what the Board could do to save costs on our cell phone program, which will be discussed at our monthly meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Shannon Donnelly and Anthony Jacobs were removed from the rolls of the Fire Company.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$159,380.65 Spent: \$49,373.66. Monies on hand as of 8/14/2018, \$110,006.99. Motion by J. Donahue, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hodges, the meeting was adjourned at 2039 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Randolph W. Jager  
Clerk