

# Board of Fire Commissioners

*District # 5*

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

1/8/2019

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 Chairman James Donahue. Chairman J. Donahue 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 Hodges, 2nd by R Harper; roll call vote: All Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board received from our auditor, the 2019 Adopted Budget Resolution which will be voted on by the Board tonight. Also, I the Clerk received from Mr. Hodges (2) candidate petitions for the upcoming elections.

COMMITTEE REPORT: J. Donahue who attended the Joint Board meeting, said they discussed a possible joint radio program. Also, Chief Lewis mentioned about forming an OEM Annex committee, and a communication committee in near future.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes was present during the meeting and stated that all equipment has been ordered, and some equipment is already in. Also, all members have been fitted for their new turn-out gear, ladder and hose testing completed with some failures which have been corrected or replaced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hodges asked if the water leak in the conduit at the West Farms site has been repaired, and R. Donahue stated there has not been an E-Board meeting yet but will advise as soon as he hears anything.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by Hodges 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Donahue. A motion to adopt the 2019 Budget by a resolution with a roll call vote: J. Donahue, R. Donahue, Harper, Hodges, Jager. All in favor: Yes. Also requested by Hodges that the Clerk notify the water company in regards to a leaking hydrant at 15 Bock Dr. J. Donahue stated he would like to be on the Joint Board radio committee, with no objections from the Board, granted.

MEMBERSHIP: Chief Barnes stated he is waiting on a back-round check on a new member.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$218,562.58. Deposit \$0.00. Spent: \$75,790.35. Monies on hand as of 1/8/2019, \$142,772.23. Motion by J Hodges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harper 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 Jager, the meeting was adjourned at 2014 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted:



Randolph W. Jager  
Board Clerk

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