

## Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

12/12/19

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 Chairmen Kenneth Harper.

Chairmen Harper 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, and the Township of Howell posted at town hall.

Roll call taken with the following present; Z Arbakow, J Donahue, R Donahue, K Harper, J Hodges

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed. Motion by J Donahue to accept as written. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor

Motion by R Donahue to suspend the order of business to let the Auditor, M Bart to introduce the 2020 Budget. Seconded by J Donahue. All in favor.

M Bart delivered and went over the 2020 budget. Motion by R Donahue to formally introduce the 2020 Budget. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

Motion by R Donahue to go back to regular business. Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

Committee report; Progress

Chief's Report: Chief Lazzara reported that the company had 48 calls for the month with one structure fire.

The company attended training at the New Jersey natural gas company.

1000ft. of 5" hose was ordered to replace hose lost during testing.

There are four members going to FF1.

18 Scott air packs with bottles were ordered and fit test for remaining packs scheduled.

Two mutual aid firefighters were injured at the Ethan Drive fire, but are home safely now.

Old Business; J Hodges Questioned the Scott purchase. R Donahue explained that the packs were under State Contract.

New Business; Motion by R Donahue to adopt resolution to transfer funds and adopt the temporary budget for 2020. Seconded by J Donahue. Roll call vote taken, All in favor.

Motion by J Donahue to pay the bills. Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

Motion by R Donahue to purchase radios for 19-5-90, 19-5-96, 19-5-67, 19-5-68. Seconded by Z Arbakow  
All in favor.

K Harper asked if the commissioners could send members to driving school. About \$3,600 per student.  
Discussion held and tabled until spring.

Chief Lazzara requested to purchase Tech Rescue gear for five members at approximately \$700.00 each.  
two 4foot extensions for the struts. Discussion held with a motion by J Donahue to purchase same.  
Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

Financial Report:

Opening balance: \$325,492.25

Expenditures: \$191,438.67

Deposits: \$254,013.93

Ending Balance: \$388,067.51

Motion by R Donahue to accept financial Report. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

Membership: Joe Heap and Serina Molinari added to the company.

With no other business before the board, Motion by K Harper to adjourn. Seconded by J Donahue. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 20:37.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M Donahue

Clerk