

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

2/12/2019

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 5th 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 R. Donahue, 2nd by J. Donahue; roll call vote: All Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: I, Clerk Jager won't be seeking to run this upcoming election, which my term will expire March the 5th at 12:00 noon. Also the reorganizational meeting for the new term will be March the 7th at 2000 hrs and the 1st regular meeting will be March 12th at 2000 hrs also.

COMMITTEE REPORT: J. Donahue who attended the Joint Board meeting, said they discussed about creating a joint policy on social media issues that may become a problem of concern in the future. R. Donahue also mentioned that Freewood Acres Fire Co. has currently a zero tolerance policy toward no social media. He also mentioned the towns Fire Bureau employees, when any Howell Fire Co. are at a working fire, could they come out and participate in helping if needed, and would they be covered by our insurance or their's.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Barnes sent a message that he is running late, but stated he applied for a grant with the New Jersey Fire Service, and that all new gas meter's are in service, and new

turn-out gear will be in by the 1st or 2nd week in March. Chief Donahue also stated that their's a problem with the front springs in 590 and a appointment has been made with R&H spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: I, the Clerk notified New Jersey Water about a leaking hydrant by 15 Bock Blvd, which they sent a crew to inspect, service, and repair. Also J. Donahue mentioned a meeting date for the Joint Board Radio committee which is to be held April the 4th at 2000hrs. tentatively.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion to pay bills by Hodges 2nd by Harper. As discussed, J. Donahue, R. Donahue, Hodges will be running the elections this February 16th at 1400 hrs. Also discussed was tabling the issue with the Fire Bureau employee's assisting us until we notify our insurance company to make sure they will be covered by us or their own insurance. R. Donahue mentioned a resident was acquiring information about our proposed 2019 budget and candidates who are running in the up-coming election. In reference to a social media policy, we will wait to view Adelphia's policy and go for there.

MEMBERSHIP: Michael Shaw, Ryan Palmer

FINANCIAL REPORT: Previous Balance: \$142,772.23. Deposit \$0.00. Spent: \$61,160.49. Monies on hand as of 2/12/2019, \$81,611.74. Motion by Jager, 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 Jager 2nd by Harper, the meeting was adjourned at 2027 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randolph W. Jager
Board Clerk

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