

Board of Fire Commissioners

District # 5

P.O. Box 227

Howell, New Jersey 07731

3/12/19

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 Chairman Kenneth Harper.

Chairman 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, 2019 and posted at town hall.

Roll Call: Z Arbakow, J Donahue, R Donahue, K Harper, J Hodges.

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted with a resolution by J Donahue, Seconded by J Hodges. All in Favor.

Correspondence: None

Committee Report: R Donahue who attended the Executive Board meeting reported a problem with the township having problems with getting people into the Fire Academy.

Comments from the Floor: None

Chief's Reports: Chief Alicia reported that 19-5-90 is out of service for repairs. Cascade system to be delivered on Thursday.

Commissioner Hodges asked when the new gear will be in? Chief Alicia reported sometime in March.

Commissioner Hodges asked about the accident on I-195. Chief Alicia reported that the accident was investigated and minor.

Financial Report was given by Commissioner J Donahue.

Opening Balance of \$81,611.74

Monthly Expenditures \$18,759.45

Closing Balance of \$62,842.21

Motion by R Donahue to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded by J Hodges. All in Favor.

Unfinished Business

The Board had a long discussion about the Social Media Policy discussed at the Executive Board meeting.

Motion by R Donahue to accept the Social Media Policy. Seconded by J Donahue. All in favor.

Commissioner Hodges asked if we got any information about the Fire Bureau responding to calls.

R Donahue reported that he talked to the insurance company and they would not be covered under our insurance.

J Hodges asked if he could get on the Companies, I AM RESPONDING program. Advised to see J Donahue after the meeting.

New Business

Motion by J Donahue to pay all bills, Seconded by J Hodges. All in favor.

J Hodges asked if he could get a list of all our insurance policies. R Donahue stated he would request it from the insurance company.

J Hodges asked if Assistant Chief Barnes resigned. He was told yes.

R Donahue reported that the meeting schedule went to the lawyers for publication.

Membership

Remove B Barnes and C Smith from the rolls.

With no other business before the board, with a motion by J Hodges and a second by Z Arbakow the meeting was adjourned at 20:25.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert M Donahue, Clerk