

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

P.O. Box 527

Howell, New Jersey 07731

9/11/19

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 5th 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 and posted at town hall.

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

Motion by Commissioner R Donahue to suspend the regular order of business to allow the Auditor M Bart, to speak. All in favor.

Mike Bart presented the audit for 2017/2018. Mr. Bart reviewed the audit as a whole and stated that we had a clean opinion.

Resolution by R Donahue to accept the audit. Seconded by J Donahue. All in favor.

Motion by R Donahue to return to the regular order of business. Seconded by J Donahue. All in favor.

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

Correspondence; Received policy for accident and sickness from VFIS.

Letter sent out to update the life insurance policy.

Received Grant package from the state, Turned over to Fire Department.

Committee Reports; R Donahue reported that at the Joint Board meeting the E-Board was dissolved.

Comments from the floor. None

Chiefs Report; Chief Lazzara reported that everything was up and running. Chief Lazzara asked if they could send another Firefighter to Swift water class at a price of \$625.00. Commissioner Hodges asked the Chief if we could hold the class here?

The company still looking into the boat.

Unfinished Business; Commissioner Hodges asked about getting on the IAR program? Commissioner J Donahue will look into it.

New Business. Motion by J Donahue to pay the bills. Seconded by J Hodges. All in favor.

Commissioner R Donahue reported that the annual testing for all equipment will be done in November.

Commissioner Hodges motioned to send a second firefighter to the swift water class. Seconded by J Donahue. All in favor.

Commissioner Hodges brought up the changing of the meeting. Commissioner Hodges was advised the meeting was changed with a majority of the Boards approval. He was also reminded that he Stated at the last meeting he would notify the Clerk of an available date which he failed to do. Commissioner Hodges stated that he feels the change was wrong.

Membership; One application out at this time.

Financial report;

Opening balance \$229,155.24

Expenditures \$40,944.29

Deposits \$728.43

Closing balance \$188,939.38

Motion by J Hodges to accept as read, Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

With no other business before the Board, with a motion by J Hodges and seconded by Z Arbakow. The meeting was adjourned at 20:40

Respectfully submitted,


Robert M. Donahue

Clerk