

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

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Howell, NJ 07731

01/14/20

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 the Township of Howell posted at townhall.

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

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

Communications; Received two petitions from J Hodges, One from J Donahue, and one from J Harper.

Received the 2020 budget back from the state.

Received paperwork from VFIS on losap and workman's Comp.

Talked with Santander Bank about signature cards.

Committee report; Nothing from planning board, meeting tomorrow night.

Chief's Report; 57 calls for the last month. 105 year to date.

New air packs and tracker received.

19-5-78 out of service due to air leak, Defender notified.

Requesting to buy two new diamond tip blades.

Old business; 18 new air packs are in.

New Business;

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

Motion by J Donahue to open the meeting to the public to adopt the 2020 budget. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor. Chairman Harper asked the public three times for any comments on the budget.

With no comments from the public, Motion by K Harper to adopt the 2020 budget. Seconded by Z Arbakow. Roll call vote taken. Z Arbakow yes, J Donahue yes, R Donahue yes, K Harper yes,

J Hodges yes.

Motion by J Donahue to purchase two diamond tip blades at the chief's request. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

J Hodges brought up two chief vehicles being at station 55 dinner. Chief Alicia attended, and J Hodges wanted to know if he was on or off duty. K Harper advised that Chief Alicia was responding until the truck got a full crew, then went off duty to attend Jacksons installation dinner. J Hodges stated he saw Chief Alicia drinking and his wife drove the vehicle home. J Hodges wanted to know if she was covered on insurance, and does she require CEVO to drive our vehicle. R Donahue stated that he would contact VFIS to get the answer. J Hodges asked if the issue could be tabled to next meeting so we could get answers and think about it.

J Hodges asked about our by-laws amending the requirement for the chief living in the district.

J Hodges was informed that the amendment was approved at a previous meeting. That the Chief can live up to one mile outside the district and still be recognized.

Financial Report;

Opening balance \$391,967.51

Expenditures \$58,283.18

Closing balance \$333,684.33

Motion by K Harper to accept the financial report as read. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor

With no further business to come before the board, Motion by J Donahue to adjourn, Seconded by Z Arbakow. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M Donahue, Clerk