

## Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

2/11/20

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners District #5 was called to order at 8:00PM at the Freewood Acres Fire Company. 17 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Howell, NJ 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 in the Township of Howell.

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

The minutes from the previous meeting was distributed. Motion by J Donahue to approve as written. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

Communications; J Donahue reported that he received the new Title 40 book from Reuter.

J Hodges asked about progress with the signature cards at the bank? R Donahue advised that the cards were on hold until after elections.

K Harper advised that he received two complaints about commissioners going door to door electioneering. Z Arbakow stated we should have a no knock policy.

J Hodges reported that the planning board approve Burlington coat factory going into 19-3 area. The warehouses going on Randolph Rd. on hold for now.

Chiefs report. Chief Lazzarra reported that the company responded to 37 calls this month. 104 year to date. 19-5-78 was back in service, the new packs are installed on the trucks, awaiting the tracker to be installed.

Old Business; J Hodges stated that back in March 2019 he requested a copy of the insurance policies and haven't received them yet. R Donahue apologized for the delay and told J Hodges to see him if he wanted to look at the policies. J Hodges also requested a new copy of the commissioner's by-laws.

J Hodges brought up that last month he asked about Chief Alicia attending the installation dinner at station 55. J Hodges stated that he saw Chief Alicia drinking at the dinner. After the dinner and let his wife drive home. R Donahue stated that he contacted the insurance company and she was covered under our insurance. J Donahue stated that if any discipline is to be taken it should come from the company.

K Harper stated that it would take power away from the chief do punish him for doing the right thing. He didn't drink and drive which is stated in the company rules. J Hodges stated that we have to protect ourselves in the future, and we should contact our lawyer. R Donahue to contact lawyer.

New Business; J Donahue motioned to pay all bills. Seconded by J Hodges. All in favor.

J Donahue motioned to hire three commissioners to run elections. Seconded by Z Arbakow.

R Donahue, Z Arbakow, and K Harper to run elections.

J Donahue asked Chief Lazarra if they received any purchases. Chief Lazarra reported not at this time.

Membership; Andy Carrol returned back to the company.

Financial Report;

Starting           \$333,684.33

Expenditures    \$197,579.80

Interest           \$43.13

Ending            \$136,147.66

Motion by J Hodges to accept as read. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

Reorganization meeting first Thursday of next month.

With no other business before the board a motion by J Donahue to adjourn. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M Donahue

Clerk