

# Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

3-10-20

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 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Howell, New Jersey by Chairman K 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 Arbakai, J Donahue, R Donahue, J Harper, and K Harper.

Minutes from the previous meetings were distributed and accepted as written. Motion by Z Arbakow, to accept as written. Seconded by J Harper. All in favor

Minutes from the Re-organization meeting were distributed, Motion by K Harper to accept as written. Seconded by J Harper. All in favor.

Communications read; Letter from VFIS package for workman's comp.

Letter from Pete Hall concerning the web site update.

Letter to DCA for the results of Elections

Received Vouchers from the township for 2020 tax payments.

Chief's Report; Chief Lazzara reported that all equipment was up and running. The company is running 200 calls up to date.

Old Business; J Donahue requested that the policy concerning alcohol be referred back to the department and the Chiefs. Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

J Donahue asked to re-issue smoking policy to the company and include all forms of smoking, to include tobacco and all forms of vaping. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

J Donahue asked if anything was heard about the carbide chainsaw blades. Nothing yet.

New business; Motion by J Donahue to pay all bills. Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

Membership; R Donahue advised to add H Ditsche, W Wilburn, and N Dolias.

Financial Report;

Opening balance            \$136,147.66

Expenditures              \$25,307.69

Ending balance            \$110,839.97

Motion to accept Financial report by R Donahue, Seconded by J Harper. All in favor.

K Harper advised all the present commissioners to put in their financial disclosures.

With no other business before the board a motion by J Donahue to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M Donahue

Clerk