

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

10-15-20

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #5 was called to order at 20:00hrs at the Freewood Acres Fire Company. 17 East 5th Street Howell, NJ 07731 by Chairman K Harper. 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 in town hall.

Chairman K Harper led the pledge of allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

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

Motion by R Donahue to suspend the normal order of business to hear from our Accountant M Bart. Seconded by K Harper.

M Bart reported that the 2019 budget audit. The numbers are all good and a positive report was noted. There is a new procedure for the 2021 budget, the auditor can no longer submit the budget, has to come from one of the board members. M Bart was asked if the board can set aside monies for future purchases. M Bart stated that we can set aside monies in a separate account.

Motion by R Donahue to go back to regular business. Seconded by K Harper.

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

Correspondence;

J Donahue stated that the check for the Power wash system was returned with insufficient postage. Postage was corrected and check sent back out.

J Donahue reported that we received our Workman's comp package.

R Donahue reported that he received a letter from Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau wanting to audit our policy. Meeting set up for 20 Oct 2020.

J Harper reported that he received a bill from Globe Petroleum stating that there is a balance on our account. R Donahue reported that the balance on the account covers the repair bill of our vehicle that Globe employee hit. R Donahue to reach out to Countyline Auto to get a copy of the repair statement.

J Donahue reported that he received a check from VFIS for over payment of insurance bill.

Chief's Report

Chief Alicia reported that everything up and running. Looking to replace the old extrication equipment with possible battery-operated ones. Reported over 500 calls year to date.

Old business

J Donahue stated that the bill from District #1 was paid.

J Donahue reported that there have been numerous issues with the bank and he is looking into a new bank possible Wells Fargo.

New Business

Motion by J Donahue to pay the bills. Seconded by Z Arbakow. All in favor.

K Harper brought up purchasing a new tanker. Discussion followed about what we want and possible cost and budget issues.

Membership

One application out.

Financial Report

The financial report was submitted by J Donahue

Opening balance	\$107,853.07
Deposit	\$205,760.50
Expenditures	\$70,833.97
Ending balance	\$242,779.60

Motion by J Harper to accept the financial report as reported. Second by Z Arbakow. All in favor

With no further business before the board a motion by K Harper to adjourn. Seconded by J Harper. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 21:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M Donahue

Clerk

THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 5
IN THE Township OF Howell, COUNTY OF Monmouth

Resolution #

Adoption of Temporary Budget for 2021

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Commissioners of Fire District No. 5 in the Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, by resolution, to adopt a temporary budget to make appropriations and to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year, January 1, 2021, and the adoption of the budget by the legal voters of the fire district, which election is scheduled for February 20, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 5 in the Township of Howell, County of Monmouth, as follows:

(1) A temporary budget is hereby adopted to be effective from the beginning of the fiscal year as noted above and to be in full force and effect until the adoption of the annual fire district budget as referenced above; the total of the appropriations of the temporary budget to reflect not in excess of 14% of the total of the appropriations made for all purposes in the budget for the preceding fiscal year exclusive of appropriations for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvements.