

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

12-13-22

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #5 was called to order at 20:00 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.

Roll call was take with the following present; J Donahue, R Donahue, J Harper, K Harper, S Koubek

The minutes from the previous meeting was distributed and read. Motion by J Harper to accept as written. Seconded by S Koubek. All in favor.

Chief Lazarra reported that all apparatus was up and running with the exception of 19-5-91. Asked to put remote states into the chief vehicles. Looking into a belay device for the training area. New officers for the year 2023

Chief V Lazarra

Assistant chief B Alicia

Second Assistant J Donahue

Lieutenant S Koubek

Public comment H Dirtsche asked about driving standards with the fire company referring to NJSA 2021 Title 39:3-10.

Old business J Donahue reported that the forcible door prop is being ordered.

R Donahue reported that the radio project was moving forward with the five districts passing the resolution at the special elections.

New business J Donahue motioned to pay all bills. Seconded by J Harper. All in favor.

R Donahue brought up the comment from the public concerning the driving certifications. After a long discussion and reviewing title 39 standers a motion from J Harper to adopt the New Jersey standards. Seconded by S Koubek. Motion was carried with a roll call vote. All in favor.

Resolution to introduced the 2023 budget by R Donahue. Seconded by J Donahue. Roll call vote taken. J Donahue yes, R Donahue yes, J Harper yes, K Harper yes, S Koubek yes.

Motion by J Donahue to approve the purchases requested by the chief. Seconded by J Harper. All in favor.

J Donahue reported that the DCA advised the firehouse software will no longer work after 31 Dec 2022.

R Donahue reminded that there will be a meeting on 30 Dec 2022 for end of year business.

The financial report was given by J Donahue

Opening balance	\$846,527.97
Deposits	\$264,274.06
Expenditures	\$45,436.11
Ending balance	\$1,110,802.03
Truck account	\$527,109.60
Operating account	\$586,692.43

Motion by K Harper to accept the financial report as given. Seconded by J Harper. All in favor.

Membership none

With no further business before the board, A motion by J Donahue to adjourn. Seconded by S Koubek. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 20:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M Donahue

Clerk