

# Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

6-13-23

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 5<sup>th</sup> Street Howell NJ 07731, by Chairman K Harper in compliance with the open public meeting act 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 taken with the following present; R Donahue, J Harper, K Harper, S Koubek, K Mannik.

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and read. Motion by J Harper to accept report as written. Seconded by K Mannik, All in favor.

Communications received from VFIS concerning the repairs to 19-5-91.

Chief Lazarra reported that everything in service with the exception of 10-5-91 and 19-5-68. Chief asked the status of the computers in the chief's vehicles. K Harper reported that he was working with First Net to get the required equipment to get them online. Chief Lazarra asked if he could get rid of the old out-dated equipment to the 911 foundation. Chief Lazarra asked about the old radios in the vehicles. R Donahue advised that the radios will be switched over to the new vehicles when we get them. Assistant Chief Donahue reported that the annual testing will be done in July and August. Chief Lazarra also requested to purchase new hooks.

Old business J Harper asked about the purchase of the new computers for the clerk and treasurer. Advised that they were on order.

R Donahue asked about Wells Fargo accounts. J Harper advised the operations account was working and the Truck account was almost complete.

R Donahue reported that the Chairmen of the Joint Board would like a member from each district to discuss a possible paid program. R Donahue will handle it.

New Business

Motion by K Mannik to pay all bills. Seconded by S Koubek. All in favor.

R Donahue motioned that the board move on the radio project and order the new radios that will be needed. Approximately 14 portables. Will take several months to receive. Seconded by K Mannik. All in favor.

Motion R Donahue that the board hire a purchasing agent. Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

Motion by R Donahue to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by J Harper. Moved into executive session at 28:48.

Motion by R Donahue to come out of executive session. Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

Returned to meeting at 21:00.

Financial report given by J Harper.

Opening balance	\$950,079.80
Expenditures	\$98,915.33
Truck account	\$690,866.12
Operations	\$160,298.06
Closing balance	\$851,164.18

Motion by R Donahue to accept report as given. Seconded by S Koubek. All in favor.

Membership None

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

Meeting adjourned at 21:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M Donahue

Clerk