

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

3-12-24

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 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 K Mannik to accept minutes as written. Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

Correspondence received from VFIS workman's comp renewal. K Sendzik Esq. containing newspaper publications and billing.

Chief Lazarra everything up and running. Requested that we start looking to replace gear. Gave the board, quotes for the new equipment. Asked about the timeline for receiving the new portables. Setting up a drill for the use of battery-operated tools. Asked the board about installing a new hydrant on Pine Street. Fourteen Airpack's were fixed and 15 went out for Hydromantic testing. 19-5-91 air compressor fixed. 19-5-67 car was involved in a no-fault accident.

Old business, J Harper asked about the interest payment on the radio project. R Donahue will contact the lawyer for answers. K Harper reported that the new welder will be here this week to give quotes on training site,

New business R Donahue motioned to pay the monthly bills. Seconded by S Koubek. All in favor.

Motion by J Harper to go out and purchased two new chief's vehicles as per approved in the budget. Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

K Harper motioned to buy the meters and saw requested by the chief. Seconded by K Mannik. All in favor.

Discussion held by the board about purchasing a new pick-up truck {utility Vehicle}. Advised to put it on next year's budget.

R Donahue asked to set up a meeting to meet the purchasing agent and get her on board.

New member brought onto the company.

Financial report given by J Harper.

Opening balance	\$917,034.90
Expenditures	\$34,679.05
Deposit	\$18.92
Operation account	\$9,501.55
Truck account	\$907,854.30
Closing balance	\$882,374.77

Motion to accept treasurers report as given by S Koubek. Seconded by K Mannik. All in favor.

With no further business in front of the board, A motion by J Harper to adjourn. Seconded by S Koubek. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 21:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Donahue

Clerk