

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

10 Sept 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 was provided to the Asbury Park Press, Tri-town News, and the township of Howell. The yearly schedule published in the Asbury Park Press, Tri-town News and posted in Town hall.

Roll call taken with the following present; R Donahue, J Harper, K Harper, K Mannik.

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and read. Motion by K Mannik to accept as written. Seconded by J Harper. Motion carried.

Motion by R Donahue to suspend regular order of business to appoint new commissioner to the board, T Koubek. Seconded by K Harper. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Motion by R Donahue to return to normal business. Seconded by K Mannik. Motion carried.

Communication recieved by K Sendzik Esq. regarding salaries of commissioners. Qoutes from Defender for repairs to 19-5-90 and 19-5-91.

Chiefs report given by Chief Lazarra, need batteries for old portables, look into Amazon. If any maintenance is done on the trucks the chief needs to know. Need new ladder belts for 19-5-90 the old ones are out of date. Need new ropes and harnesses old ones are out of date. 19-5-66 needs to go to Pinebelt chevy to have new keys made up. Freehold welding completed the welding on the training tower. There is a rake and trenching tool missing on 19-5-93.

Old business

Need new pagers for new members, refer to Assistant Chief Alicia. Discussion held on

the new tanker. Dates for the inspection trip still up in the air, possible end of October.

New business

Motion by T Koubek to pay the monthly bills. Seconded by K Mannik. Motion carried.

Motion by R Donahue to vote on the Resolution for commissioner salaries for the township.

Roll call taken with 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes, and 0 abstentions.

R Donahue stated that the budget new budget for 2025 will be starting very soon.

J Harper brought up the interest in the radio project program. Discussion held and we need to reach out to lawyer for help.

Financial report given by J Harper

Opening balance	\$966,521.62
Expenditures	\$50,696.79
Truck account	\$817,636.26
Operations	\$98,188.57
Closing balance	\$915,824.83

Motion by T Koubek to accept the report as given. Seconded by K Mannik. Motion carried.

With no further business before the board, A motion by J Harper to adjourn. Seconded by K Mannik.

Meeting adjourned at 21:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M Donahue

Clerk