

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

8 Oct 2024

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 is published in the Asbury Park Press, Tri-town News, and posted at town hall.

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

Motion by R Donahue to suspend the regular order of business to let M Bart Accountant deliver the audit for 2023. Seconded by J Harper. Motion carried.

M Bart discussed the audit in its entirety. K Harper moved to adopt the resolution and the audit review certification, which was seconded by K Mannik. A roll call vote was taken and approved, with 5 Yes and 0 No votes.

Motion by K Mannik to go back to the normal order of business. Seconded by K Harper. All in favor.

Correspondence was received from K Sendzik Esq. concerning a resolution adopting and mandating the use of the Open Public Record Act. A letter was received from Progressive Insurance, which was Forwarded to VFIS.

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

Chiefs report given by Assistant Chief Alicia, Chief Lazarra stepped down and B Alicia will fill in until Decembers elections. we are at 550 calls year to date. Live burn at thr Toms River Fire Academy on 7 Oct 2024. Submitted a 2025 wishlist.

Old business, Reciert of the new tanker pushed back to after December possibly. Discussed paying off the radio project bond to save interest. Company short 7 portables and 4 mobile units.

New business. Motion by T Koubek to pay the monthly bills. Seconded by K Mannik. All in favor. Motion by K Harper to adopt the resolution for the open public record act. Roll

call vote taken with 5 Yes and 0 No. K Harper brought up the new e-mail addresses for the commissioners, stating to start using them.

Financial report given by J Harper.

Opening balance	\$915,824.83
Expenditures	\$46,886.34
Deposits	\$221,300.67
Operations	\$272,602.57
Truck	\$817,636.26
Ending balance	\$1,090,238.83

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

With no further business before the board, A Motion by K Harper to adjourn. Seconded by K Mannik. Meeting adjourned at 21:19.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M Donahue

Clerk