

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

11 February 2025

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 was 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, T Koubek, K Mannik

Communications received from the County regarding elections.

E-mail from Levine from Howell Police discussing timeline of going operational.

Chief J Donahue reported that we have had 60 calls year to date. We need to purchase 15-pagers and a 5000-gallon drop tank for training. Two boxes of shelving decking, buckets, and various hazmat pads. Hose washer brushes and a fixed hose dryer. Fix 19-5-93 second gas gauge.

Old business

K Mannik asked about the new tanker. K Harper advised him that the truck was returned to South Dakota to be re-engineered. Going to have numerous video conferences when the truck arrives there.

K Harper advised that he was in contact with workmen's compensation and there are going to re-calculate our bill to remove people that are no longer with the company.

R Donahue advised Chief Donahue that the meters that were ordered from Grainger were cancelled.

R Donahue advised company physicals will be held 2 Jun 2025.

New business

Motion by K Harper to pay the monthly bills. Second by T Koubek. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Motion by K Harper to send 1 firefighter to Toms River Fire Academy for RIT training. Second, by K Mannik. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Motion by K Harper to purchase 15 pagers under state contract. Second, by K Mannik. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Motion by J Harper to purchase shelf decking for the cost not to exceed \$500.00. Second, by K Mannik. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Motion by K Mannik to purchase a 5000 gallon drop tank not to exceed \$4000.00. Seconded by J Harper. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Motion by K Mannik to purchase Various hazmat equipment not to exceed \$2500.00. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Advised Chief to get a quote on the repairs of the washer and dryer.

Motion by K Harper to turn 19-5-99 2014 Tahoe over to the Fire Company. Second by J Harper. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Financial report given by J Harper,

Opening balance	\$576,754.54
Expenditures	\$63,472.63
Operations	\$293,203.15
Capital	\$220,078.76
Ending balance	\$513,281.91

Motion by K Mannik to accept financial report as given. Second, by T Koubek. Motion carried.

With no further business before the Board, A motion by J Harper to adjourn the meeting. Second, by T Koubek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 21:18.

Robert M Donahue Clerk

