

January 10, 2023

The combined monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District 9, 1222 Green Street, Iselin, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by the President under Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975 with notices posted in the Home News Tribune, on the bulletin board at Fire Company #1 and #2, and at Town Hall as prescribed by law. A salute to the flag was led by the President.

Roll Call of Commissioners: M. Rudy, K. Williams, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen. Also in attendance were

Chief Harland, Fire Official Wertz, E.R. Mullen, W. Kenney and the Attorney. D. Thaker was excused.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with a motion made by K. Williams and seconded by E.A. Mullen with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen).

Reports of Committees:

Fire Equipment & Apparatus:

MK completed miscellaneous repairs to the apparatus. An update was given regarding 9-3-4 refurb, noting that the legal notice has been posted for a bid opening in February with an addendum regarding the painting. Waiting on parts to repair the oil leak in 9-3-3. Seatbelt alarm in 9-2 was repaired by EES. Extra Tic cameras were installed on 9-2, 9-5, 9-6 and 9-2-4; still have one more to install. Coolant leak was repaired in 9-3-4. New Chief's car lights, radio, and tough-book were all ordered. Don Draper has pictures for the lettering and striping of the new vehicle. EES was in to look at 9-2 check-engine light. EES will move a hydrant assist valve on 9-2. A&M repaired three meters.

Hydrants:

Letter received from the Water Co. regarding hydrant charges.

Facilities:

Paint cabinet upgrade on hold. Researching prices to upgrade the traffic lights; briefly discussed the programming as regards to dispatch. The vendor for the gear cage will be in when we make room in the back of the bay.

Communications Equipment:

Pagers are in. Radio parts partial shipment came in.

Fire Prevention:

The Fire Official's report was submitted and accepted with a motion made by K. Williams and seconded by E.A. Mullen with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen).

Legal & Insurance:

The Air Truck specs were re-advertised for a bid opening in February with an addendum regarding the painting. The attorney discussed some pending legal issues.

Deferred Business:

Miscellaneous equipment to be auctioned off; pending.

New Business:

Mr. Williams mentioned a couple of items regarding Verizon. He also noted that he and Mr. Burrows researched a pick-up truck replacement but to no avail. A lengthy discussion was held.

Communications and Bills:

A motion was made by S. Burrows and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, S. Burrows and K. Williams) to pay all bills for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$126,003.21. Communications were as follows:

- Received a copy of a letter from the Middlesex Water Company regarding the Annual Fire Protection Charges for 2023 which will be \$290,969.88
- Received a copy of a request for an appointment for water meter upgrade at 1222 Green Street in Iselin
- Received a list of the 2023 Joint Board Meeting Dates
- Received copies of various reports

A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by E.A. Mullen with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, S. Burrows and K. Williams) accept the correspondence and make it a part of the permanent record.

Chief's Report:

Chief Harland gave his report noting no driver qualifications or training requests. He then requested information regarding pre-planning and a lengthy discussion was held. He discussed equipment requests then a motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by E.A. Mullen with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, E.A. Mullen and S. Burrows) to accept the Chief's Report.

Public Discussion:

Regarding the Joint Board Meeting that was held, Mr. Mullen noted that regarding a seminar in April, the Joint Boards will reimburse the District \$25 per Officer that attends but that the Chief would have to approve the Officer attending.

A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by E.A. Mullen with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, S. Burrows and E.A. Williams) to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:
(Ms.) Joyce E. Lynch