

March 14, 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 7:31 p.m. by the Chairman 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, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen.
Also in attendance were Deputy Chief Wertz, Fire Official Wertz, E.R. Mullen, W. Kenney and the Attorney.

The Reorganization Meeting was held preceding the regular order of business.

At 7:39 p.m., a motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and K. Williams) to go into an Executive Session closed to the public. At 8:01 p.m., a motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and K. Williams) to resume the regular meeting.

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, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen).

Reports of Committees:

Fire Equipment & Apparatus:

MK completed miscellaneous repairs to the apparatus. Waiting on parts to repair the oil leak on 9-3-3. Siren pedal in 9-5 was repaired. Tic to be installed as soon as charger comes in. Clips for compartment lights on 9-2 were ordered. Lights and radio for the new Chief's car were ordered. Don Draper has pictures for the lettering and striping of the new vehicle. EES repaired the 4" valve on 9-2-4 and will move the hydrant assist valve on 9-2. 9-3-2 had an oil change and the heater hose was repaired. Exhaust in 9-3-5 was repaired. Ladder testing was done with no issues. Hose testing to be done next month at a cost of \$4,149.35. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen) to have the hose testing done.

Hydrants: Nothing to report.

Facilities:

Paint cabinet upgrade on hold. Researching prices to upgrade the traffic lights. The vendor for the gear cage will be given the go-ahead to start the installation. Briefly discussed a fuel tank issue. Working on bids for a new furnace to switch over to natural gas.

Communications Equipment: Nothing to report.

Fire Prevention:

The Fire Official's report was submitted and a motion made by K. Williams and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, S. Burrows, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen) to accept his report as well as his request for the purchase of replacement uniforms for Inspectors Schmalenberger and Wertz. Pending his retirement, Mr. Wertz asked if anyone was offered the position. This will be discussed further.

Legal & Insurance:

The attorney read a resolution regarding A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, yes; E.A. Mullen, yes; D. Thaker, yes; S. Burrows, yes; and K. Williams, yes) to accept the resolution as read.

The Air Truck bids review update. Insurance claim processed for the radio and gear. Mr. Kenney reported receipt of the "Shared Services Agreement between Township of Woodbridge and the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #9." A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, S. Burrows and K. Williams) to accept the Agreement. The attorney discussed some pending legal issues. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor by roll-call vote: (M. Rudy, yes; E.A. Mullen, yes; S. Burrows, yes; and K. Williams, yes) to approve a resolution read by the attorney regarding the refurbishment of 9-3-4.

Deferred Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Communications and Bills:

A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, S. Burrows and K. Williams) to pay all bills for the month of February 2023 in the amount of \$130,927.78. A question on the motion was submitted regarding the Verizon bills; briefly discussed. Will follow-up. Communications were as follows:

- Received a copy of an "Order of the Fire Official" to the Middlesex Water Company stating that we are not to disable or decrease the effectiveness of the fire suppression or alarm device or systems at BMR Parkway Center Inc.
- Copy of a "Loss Prevention Visit Confirmation and Recommendations" form regarding a Loss Prevention service call made
- Copy of a "Certificate of Liability Insurance" for the Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy
- Received copies of various reports

Fire Official Wertz discussed an issue regarding water being shut off at various locations. He will follow-up. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, S. Burrows, D. Thaker and K. Williams) to accept the correspondence and make it a part of the permanent record.

Chief's Report:

The Chief submitted his report noting equipment and training requests. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen and S. Burrows) to approve the training requests. Another motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A.

Mullen, K. Williams, D. Thaker, and S. Burrows) to approve S. Burrows qualification to drive 9-2-4. Discussed a memo received from Vector Solutions requesting renewal of their online training management system for \$4,565.52. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen and S. Burrows) to approve this. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, S. Burrows, D. Thaker and K. Williams) to accept the Chief's Report.

Public Discussion:

Brief report on the Joint Board Meeting. The Health & Safety meeting will be held every two months.

A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and E.A. Williams) to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:
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