

April 11, 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 7:30 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 minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with a motion made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker 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. Refurb meeting regarding 9-3-4 to be held on 4/13/23. Waiting for parts to repair the oil leak on 9-3-3. Hose Testing to be scheduled; no date as of this meeting. MK will install the Tic as soon as the charger comes in. 9-2 clips for compartment lights were repaired. Lights and radio for the new Chief's car are being installed. Don Draper has pictures for the lettering and striping of the new vehicle Holmatra pump on 9-3-3 was repaired by ESI new carb. 9-3-4 tank level gauge is being replaced; waiting on a cover plate. 9-5 airline got caught on hard suction hose and broke the Cooper pipe Fizzer; went in for repair. 9-5 airline would not eject and broke off the engine and broke the Cooper pipe again. It was determined that someone shut the compressor off and there was no air for the unit to eject Fizzer; repaired pipe and EES has to order parts. The Chief was asked to remind drivers to hold the hose when starting the vehicles. EES to move hydrant assist valve on 9-2; we need to discuss placement options. 9-2 batteries replaced. 9-3-3 would not start; the charger cord was not plugged in and the headlights were left on; it's working fine now. ESI will be in this month for yearly maintenance. Mr. E.A. Mullen noted that he received specs for the new pumper and will discuss with the Chief.

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. House 1 truck house exhaust fan was repaired by the work crew and Wunder Electric. Received a report of no hot water in House 2; checked all the

breakers with no issues. Found the cause to be the slop-sink hot water valve was left open all night. Hot water is fine now. Replaced the controller for the Bay 3 floor light. All water coolers were cleaned and, if needed, repaired. Water Company is to change meters in both houses this week. A/C company will be correcting the programming issues on the roof unit. Mr. Rudy noted that the Landscaper is on board with no increase in payments. Mr. Kenney discussed how many cameras will be installed and their placement. Entertained a suggestion to have the chairs refreshed and/or reupholstered. In the process of incorporating all the supplies under one roof. Briefly discussed the issues with Verizon.

Communications Equipment:

New radio to be ordered to replace the one that was damaged in the accident; insurance claim completed. Received a quote for Toughbooks. Radios installed in new Chief's car. Need to start researching the purchase of a laptop for the Board; discussed.

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.

Legal & Insurance:

Insurance claim for radio and gear complete. Received copy of the town resolution for the shared services contract. Received the agreement for legal services and the agreement for the Auditor. All election results were sent to the State and the Township. Auditor agreement was sent to the State. The attorney discussed some pending legal issues, including a resolution temporarily appointing Stu Schmalenberger as the replacement Fire Official effective May 1, 2023. The resolution was accepted with a motion made by S. Burrows and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor by roll-call vote (M. Rudy, yes; E.A. Mullen, yes; S. Burrows yes; D. Thaker, yes; and K. Williams, yes). Mr. Rudy questioned the process for obtaining a new pick-up truck.

Deferred Business:

Mr. Rudy spoke to gentleman from Verizon regarding pending issues.

New Business:

Mr. Rudy requested that an Agenda Meeting be held on May 2, 2023.

Chief's Report:

The Chief submitted his report noting equipment requests including helmets, gloves and two cars for extrication training. He also requested approval for Thomas Begland to attend Fire I training class. He noted one driver qualification and that one member was sworn in and one waiting to be interviewed. He added that the NIFRS are up to date. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by S. Burrows (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, S. Burrows, D. Thaker and K. Williams) to approve the Chief's requests and his 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, D. Thaker and K. Williams) to pay all bills for the month of March 2023 in the amount of \$106,240,14. Communications were as follows:

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- Received a letter from the Middlesex Water Co. noting that they have contracted Saks Metering to conduct a water meter upgrade project in our area
- Received a copy of a Resolution awarding a contract to Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus LLC to refurbish the Saulsbury Air-Light Unit 9-3-4 which was approved by the Board, and a letter to that company noting same
- Received a copy of a Resolution by the Municipal Council of Woodbridge authorizing to execute a Shared Services Agreement between the Township and District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners
- Copy of a letter to BRM Parkway Center Inc. from the Fire Official Wertz notifying them that, due to the fact that the water service for the fire protection system will be terminated at the locations at 1 Ronson Road and 10 Ronson Road in Iselin, the entire complex will be deemed unsafe and needs to be evacuated until the service is activated
- A letter from VFIS notifying us that they have awarded us a payment of \$5,410.50 for replacement costs of the equipment that was damaged
- Copy of a memo to John Mitch notifying him of our election results
- Copy of a memo from CBRE stating that they will be conducting a Property Condition Assessment at 25 Middlesex Turnpike in Iselin and requesting pertinent information
- Copy of a letter from Jon-Paul Abich requesting to use our parking lot on Easter Sunday for their Services
- Received copies of various reports

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.

Public Discussion:

The Health & Safety Meeting and the Joint Board Meeting will be held in March.

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:
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