

April 12, 2022

The combined monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District 9, 1222 Green Street, Iselin, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by the Vice 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 Vice President who asked that we keep Steve Larko in our prayers as he is in the hospital.

Roll Call of Commissioners: M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen. S. Larko and E.R. Mullen were excused. Also in attendance were W. Kenney (via phone call), Fire Official Wertz, Chief Kennedy 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 and E.A. Mullen).

#### Reports of Committees:

##### Fire Equipment & Apparatus:

MK completed miscellaneous repairs to the apparatus. Regarding the oil leak in 9-3-3, we are waiting on parts. An update was given regarding 9-3-4, noting that the bidding was opened up but we did not receive any bids; we will need to advertise after some changes. We will extend the bid time and the delivery time. Briefly discussed a concern with the light tower. MK to work with the Chief on placement of the new TICs for the apparatus. Hand light charger for 9-6 is on order to replace the broken one. 9-3-7 is going in for the A/C issue. Gear Fitting is being scheduled. 9-2-4 will need to go to EES for the heater issue. 9-6 Pole and brow lights were repaired; also getting price to switch to LED. The vendor for the gear cage will be in when we make room in the back of the bay. Hose testing to be done after June.

Hydrants: Nothing to report.

##### Facilities:

Paint cabinet upgrade on hold. Researching prices to upgrade the traffic lights. Security camera to be repaired this month. Fizzer is to remove the plumbing for the water fountain at House 2 tomorrow. Mr. Rudy reported on the quotes for the second shed for the House 2 boat which we should be getting soon. We need to think about replacing or getting rid of our John-Boat. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen) to approve the bid of \$9500 from D&N Sheds who was the lowest bidder. Received two quotes for the carpet for House 1 back room. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen) to approve the bid of \$6,675.25 from Carpet Maven. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen) to approve the repair of the A/C unit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by Neil Sullivan Assoc for a price not to exceed

\$1500. Discussed quotes

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for the duct cleaning. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen) to approve the duct cleaning in both houses. Mr. Rudy noted that the landscaping has started. Don Salzmann to give quote to repair 9-5 body damage. Mr. Rudy is looking into having someone clean up the front of the building. Playground is open and in use.

#### Communications Equipment:

Mr. Rudy noted that two years ago we ordered pagers and we never received them. We will look into this. We will ask the Chief about the NIFRS reports.

#### Fire Prevention:

The Fire Official submitted his report and a motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen and K. Williams) to accept the report.

#### Legal & Insurance:

An update on the pending litigation will be submitted next month. Specs on the air truck will be re-advertised after some changes. Received a Civil Claim for the same law suit. Update will be given next month. Report received from the driver for the damages on 9-5.

#### Deferred Business:

Miscellaneous equipment to be auctioned off—pending. Mr. Rudy reminded everyone to complete the Financial Disclosure papers.

#### New Business:

Discussed a letter received from Neel Mehta regarding the donation of old gear. Discussed the renewal of contract with Rutgers Health for \$1,773.60 for the year. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen and K. Williams) to approve the contract. Mr. Kenney requested the purchase of four cell phones for Fire Dept. business. This was approved and he was asked to submit some prices.

#### Communications and Bills:

A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, K. Williams and D. Thaker) to pay all bills for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$97,786.10. Communications were as follows:

- Received two Open Public Records Act Request Forms, one from Glenn Gorman and the other from Brian Gallagher
- A Safety Alert from the NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Division of Fire Safety to be posted accordingly
- A letter from KLRW attorneys regarding a Summons and Complaint being served on us
- A memo from John Mitch regarding the results of the Fire District #9 election
- Another memo from John Mitch regarding the Financial Disclosure Statements
- A letter from Fundacion Talento y Futuro Inc. requesting the donation of fire protective gear and helmets as well as any old apparatus or equipment
- Various reports

A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, D. Thaker and K. Williams) to accept the correspondence and make

it a part of the permanent record.

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Chief's Report:

The Chief's Report was submitted reporting the calls for the month of March and stating that there were no firefighter injuries. The Chief then reported on the Driver Qualifications, Membership Applications, Training requests, and equipment requests. The report and requests were accepted with a motion made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen, and K. Williams).

Public Discussion:

Mr. E.A. Mullen discussed generating a District 9 list.

A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker, and E.A. Williams) to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:  
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