

May 9, 2023

The Regular monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District 9, 1222 Green Street, Iselin, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:33 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 Chairman.

Roll Call of Commissioners: M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen (at 7:34).

Also in attendance were E.R. Mullen, W. Kenney, the Attorney (Mike Burns), the Chief, and the Fire Official.

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

The minutes of the Agenda meeting were accepted with a motion made by D. Thaker and seconded by K. Williams 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 with vendor regarding 9-3-4 will be held on 4/13/23. Waiting for parts to repair the oil leak on 9-3-3. Hose Testing will be scheduled for June 27. MK will install the Tic camera in 9-6 as soon as the charger comes in. Lights and radio for the new Chief's car have been installed. Don Draper has pictures of the lettering and striping of the new vehicle. Ward Diesel to repair alarm in 9-3-3. 9-2-4 tank level gauge has been repaired. Tires on 9-3-3 have been replaced. Air eject in 9-5 has been repaired. EES to move hydrant assist valve on 9-2; we need to discuss placement options. ESI did the yearly maintenance.

Hydrants:

It was reiterated that Mr. Thaker needs to receive a report on anything regarding hydrants.

Facilities:

Mr. Rudy noted that Sullivan Associates are coming out this Thursday to check out the A/C wall units. He also spoke to Wunder Electric regarding changing all our light bulbs to LEDs. 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. The Security Camera company is waiting for parts to complete the project. The Water Company changed the meters in both houses. Waiting for the playground company to come in to check the playground. Mr. Kenney will follow up. Mr. Rudy noted that the landscaper came out today to apply mulch.

Communications Equipment:

New radio to be ordered to replace the one that was damaged in the accident; insurance claim completed. Toughbooks were ordered for three apparatus. Discussed the need for

any other communication equipment and/or computer programs. The attorney had suggested that all the Commissioners have their own email address instead of using their cellphones. Will discuss further.

Fire Prevention:

The Fire Official's report was submitted by the Provisional Fire Official, Stewart Schmalenberger, and a motion was 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. It was noted that the Bureau of Fire Prevention will be handling "Freddie" the robot from now on.

Legal & Insurance:

Auditors are working on the audits. Discussed the air truck issue and the correspondence from Saulsbury. Received a copy of the contract from the attorney. Mr. E.R. Mullen gave an updated report.

A resolution was read authorizing payment for an Auditing Service for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. A motion was made by E. A. Mullen and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor by roll-call vote (M. Rudy, yes; K. Williams, yes; S. Burrows, yes; D. Thaker, yes; and E.A. Mullen, yes) to accept the resolution as read.

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, D. Thaker and K. Williams) to pay all bills for the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$227,306.56. Communications were as follows:

- Received an "Open Public Records Request" regarding The Grande at Metro Park
- Received a Notice from John Mitch reminding everyone to file Financial Disclosure Statements before April 30, 2023
- Received correspondence from BKC Certified Public Accounts regarding their auditing services for the years 2019 through 2022.
- Received correspondence from Rainone, Coughlin, Minchello regarding their audit letters
- Copy of the Local Finance Notice
- 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.

Chief's Report:

The Chief submitted his report noting equipment requests including 2 Adult and 2 Peds C-collars.

He reported that Firefighter Van Liew qualified on 9-6 and Firefighter G. Lopez

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on 9-3-3. 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 driver qualifications. No training requests. 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.

Public Discussion:

The Joint Board Meeting was held in May. Mr. Williams and Mr. E.R Mullen gave reports.

At 8:17 p.m., 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 go into an Executive Session which was closed to the public.

At 8:41 p.m., 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:
(Ms.) Joyce E. Lynch