

August 8, 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 7:39 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, and E.A. Mullen. S. Burrows was excused. Also attendance were E.R. Mullen, W. Kenney, Attorney Carol Berlen, the Fire Official and Deputy Chief Wertz.

The minutes were accepted with a motion made by D. Thaker and seconded by K. Williams 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. Refurb meeting update. Waiting for parts to repair the oil leak on 9-3-3. Hose Testing will be scheduled. 9-6 and 9-2 tires changed. Don Draper will try to fit striping for new chief's car in his schedule. 9-2 rear wheel chock holder on order and F&S will pay for repair. Radio company will be in to remove the remaining equipment from old 9-3-1. Pump testing will be August 9<sup>th</sup>. EES to check decon hose on 9-5. 9-2-4 cooling valve hose was replaced. EES to move hydrant assist valve on 9-2. EES to send in an update on the PM work on vehicles. 9-3-5 came back today. 9-3-8 interior was detailed. Rear strobe light needs to be installed. Other issues will be addressed. Will swap bumper covers from the old 9-3-1 to 9-3-2. Two new batteries were replaced in 9-3-2. The Knox Box needs to be reinstalled in 9-3-1. Deputy Chief Mary Wertz discussed some issues that need to be taken care of.

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. Fuel tank issue pending. The Locksmith will be in to replace the core on the side door. The Water Company still needs to come in to correct the problem with the new meters at House 1. Playground company was in and repaired some screws and will be back to replace some long screws. Fire Alarm company repaired the ground fault issue. Briefly discussed the roof leak issue. Discussed having the driveway sealed before the winter.

Communications Equipment:

Radios for the new 9-3-1 came in and were installed. Docking stations for Tough Books came in and we're waiting on phone numbers. Waiting for updates from the I.T. company regarding the laptops.

Fire Prevention:

The report was submitted by the Fire Official, Stewart Schmalenberger. 9-3-8 needs repair or replacement of the Mobile radio—discussed. 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 accept his report.

Legal & Insurance:

Auditors are working on the audits. Attorney Berlen requested having an Executive Session following her report. She discussed some pending legal issues including a complaint received and an update on the I.A.A.

At 9:09 p.m., 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 go into an Executive Session which was closed to the public.

At 9:22 p.m, 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 reconvene the public session.

The attorney read a resolution regarding the acceptance of a contract from H2M Architectural Engineers after receiving quotes from two companies. Received a report from the Auditor which was discussed at length by E.R. Mullen.

Deferred Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

Mr. E.A. Mullen submitted to purchase a new amplifier/charger at a price not to exceed \$200. A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, D. Thaker and K. Williams) to approve this purchase. Mr. E.A. Mullen submitted another request to purchase a flex-antenna to be installed on 9-3-1. A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, D. Thaker and K. Williams) to approve this purchase.

Communications and Bills:

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 pay all bills for the month of July 2023 in the amount of \$158,369.06. Communications were as follows:

- Received a copy of a letter from Pennoni regarding boundary surveying and property corner setting for the Amtrack AP Line
- Copy of a memo from B. Kenney to the Chief and the Fire Company President

- regarding application status
- Received copies of various reports

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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.

Chief's Report:

The Deputy Chief submitted the Chief's report stating 57 calls and no firefighter injuries during the month except for injury during training; report on this injury will be submitted. The Deputy Chief reported on the training requests and noted that there were no equipment requests. She reported on the outstanding requests. Mr. Kenney is following up on the projector. A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, D. Thaker and K. Williams) to approve the training requests. A request was submitted to purchase a refrigerator for the truck house to stock Gatorade for the members. 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 Chief's report.

Public Discussion:

Mr. Kenney noted that the Spring water bottle issue needs to be resolved. M. Rudy will talk with S. Burrows.

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

At 9:10 p.m., 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 adjourn the meeting.

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Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:  
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