

August 9, 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 7:30 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.

Roll Call of Commissioners: M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen. Also in attendance were E.R. Mullen, Chief Anthony Harland, Fire Official Wertz, the Attorney and W. Kenney (on the phone).

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 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 we will need to advertise after some changes. Waiting on parts to repair the oil leak in 9-3-3. MK is waiting on chargers to finish placement of the new TICs of the apparatus. The Seagrave tech looked at the shutting down problem in 9-5. Pump testing date was changed to August 10th. Lighting installation in 9-3-7 will be done on August 22nd. It needs to be dropped off soon. Ladder testing was done with no issues. New Chief's car should be in this week. Brakes and oil change in 9-3-2 was completed this week. Kevin was thanked for taking care of the problem with 9-5.

Hydrants:

Briefly discussed the hydrants on Chain-O-Hills Road and in Westbury due to the road construction going on.

Facilities:

Paint cabinet upgrade on hold. Researching prices to upgrade the traffic lights. Security cameras to be repaired and relocated this month. The vendor for the gear cage will be in when we make room in the back of the bay. Mr. Rudy noted that it was reminded about the caps for the diesel fuel, plus they need to be repainted. He will stay on top of it. Mr. Rudy noted the price of the service contract for the year and a motion was made by D. Thaker and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen to accept the contract.

Communications Equipment:

Pagers were ordered. Batteries for the portables were received. Color printer could not be repaired so a new one was ordered. Mobile Tech will be in to check 9-3-2 and 9-3-8 radios.

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 purchase four additional chargers.

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Fire Prevention:

The Fire Official submitted his report and 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 accept the report.

Legal & Insurance:

The attorney gave an update on the law suit. The Air Truck specs will be re-advertised after changes. Claim for the 9-5 damages was completed and closed.

Deferred Business:

Miscellaneous equipment to be auctioned off—pending. 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 accept a resolution regarding the expired gear subject to a waiver being signed.

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 July 2022 in the amount of \$148,243.79. Communications were as follows:

- Communications regarding the property located at 215-218 Kelly Street
- 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.

Chief's Report:

Chief Harland submitted the Chief's report and discussed driver qualifications and equipment requests as per his report. The request for a Forcible Entry Simulator and training for a quote of \$7,775.00 was accepted with 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). The request for a Petzl EXO AP Personal Safety System and training for a final quote of \$11,185.00 was accepted with 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). 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 accept the Chief's Report along with the Driver Qualifications and the remaining equipment requests including a Projector and ceiling mount.

Public Discussion:

In his investigative reporting, Mr. Wertz noted that he had requested copies of previous investigative reports but everything is on a private laptop in Delaware. So he is asking that the Board send a letter to Mr. Brian Bennett asking that he send copies of all his training records to the current Fire Chief. Mr. Williams suggested that the Administrator be changed. Mr. Rudy noted that the Explorer keys are also needed from Mr. Bennett. Plus we would also need access to the web-page. This matter will be looked into.

At this time, 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 go into an Executive Session. At the close of the Executive Session, 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 convene the regular meeting.

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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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:
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