

September 13, 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 7:37 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 Chief Anthony Harland, Fire Official Wertz, the Attorney and W. Kenney. E.R. Mullen was excused.

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. MK is waiting on chargers to finish placement of the new TICs of the apparatus. Starter in 9-3-3 is being replaced. Pump Testing is completed with no issues. Lights were installed in 9-3-7. All saws were sent out for maintenance and are back in service. The two new vehicles have been registered. The A/C compressor for 9-2-4 is in and EES will install it. Waiting parts for the airline in 9-5 to come in. 9-6 is starting well. A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen) to accept the contract to have the computer, radio, lighting, etc. installed in the new vehicle for \$14,943.

Hydrants: Nothing to report.

Facilities:

Paint cabinet upgrade on hold. Researching prices to upgrade the traffic lights. Security cameras to be repaired this month. The vendor for the gear cage will be in when we make room in the back of the bay. Need to get a quote from the electrician to replace the lighting in the firehouse.

Communications Equipment:

The Color Printer could not be repaired so a new one was ordered and received. Mobile Tech was in and repaired 9-3-2 radio; 9-3-8 radios can't be repaired. Mobil Tech also repaired the speakers in the truck house. It was noted that the radios in 9-3-1 are not repairable. A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen) to purchase new radios for 9-3-1. Another motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in

favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen) to purchase a Panasonic Tablet and Docking Station for \$4,382.18 under State Contract.

#### 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. Discussed open house dates in October for Fire Prevention Week.

#### Legal & Insurance:

No update on the law suit. The Air Truck specs will be re-advertised after changes. Need to discuss with the attorney regarding the bidding for the Air Truck. 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 2023 Renewal Agreement for Dispatch for an annual fee of \$81,264.

#### Deferred Business:

Miscellaneous equipment to be auctioned off—Pending. Mr. Kenney had a discussion on training records and software programs as regards to Mr. Bennett. He noted that he had worked with Mr. Bennett on keeping the Website up to date. Mr. Williams had a discussion about who should have a key to the file cabinet housing the training and other important records. Mr. Kenney asked that any changes in cell phones and/or addresses be reported.

#### New Business:

Mr. Williams noted that car washes will be held here in our parking lot on September 25 and October 8. Mr. Kenney noted that we received a request from Mr. Kennedy for a vehicle to use for the Wildwood Convention.

#### 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 August 2022 in the amount of \$158,957.72. Communications were as follows:

- Received a copy of a Resolution regarding the Annual Renewal Agreement for Dispatch for 2023
- A letter from St. Cecelia Church requesting the use of our Fire House for a Car Wash Fundraiser on August 20, 2022
- 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 equipment and training requests as per his report. He also noted that he received a few speed-letters from Mr. Kennedy regarding his recommendations for driver training. 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 driver training recommendations. After a lengthy discussion regarding training requests and the appropriate insurance coverage, 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.

Health & Safety:

It was noted that a meeting was held at which it was stated that mutual aid and other procedures may be changing in the near future.

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 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary  
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:  
(Ms.) Joyce E. Lynch