

October 10, 2023

The monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District, 1222 Green Street, Iselin, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:32 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 followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call of Commissioners: M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen. Also
In attendance were E.R. Mullen, W. Kenney, Attorney Aaron
Rainone,
the Fire Official and the Acting Chief.

Preceding the regular order of business, Pat Kenny and other members of District One spoke regarding renting out a bay in the Woodbridge First Aid building. They would like it to be on record that they would like to help but they will only have one bay open at their main firehouse as they will be getting a new truck in. The attorney noted that he will draft a proposal and submit it to the Board. Mr. Williams thanked everyone for coming in to discuss the matter.

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, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen).

Chief's Report:

The Report was submitted by the Acting Chief who reported of 65 calls and no firefighter injuries during the month. Equipment requests included a Strobe light, a Knox box for 9-3-1, and safety glasses. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and K. Williams) to accept the Chief's report. Another motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, E.A. Mullen, D. Thaker, S. Burrows and K. Williams) to approve the equipment requests.

Reports of Committees:

Fire Equipment & Apparatus:

MK completed miscellaneous repairs to the apparatus. Waiting for parts to repair the oil leak on 9-3-3. Hose Testing has been re-scheduled for October 20th. We need another driver for that afternoon. Don Draper will try to fit striping for new chief's car in his schedule. EES to check decon hose on 9-5. 9-2-4 cooling valve hose was replaced. Pump testing for 9-2-4 to be rescheduled. EES is looking into 9-5 check-engine light. EES to send us an update on the PM work on vehicles. 9-3-3 front end repaired and back in service.

Hydrants: Nothing to report.

Facilities:

Paint cabinet upgrade on hold. Researching prices to upgrade the traffic lights. The gear cage was installed. The fuel tank issue is pending; a letter needs to be sent to the company regarding this issue. Side door bar lock was ordered. Survivor will replace the check valve at House 1 on Thursday. Regarding the boiler, CNE was notified to get in touch with Mr. Kenney. He spoke to the attorney and is awaiting a call back. They have the contract and the resolution.

Communications Equipment:

Portable charger in 9-6 was repaired. Tough books are being programmed by WDBG PD. Regarding the tablets, Mr. E.A. Mullen noted that he was in touch with a company to do the installation. Update on the five laptops is pending. The cost to have them updated would be \$10,500 each.

Fire Prevention:

The report was submitted by the Fire Official who submitted requests including office chairs and reimbursement to Mary Wertz for uniform pants. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, S. Burrows, D. Thaker and E.A. Mullen) to accept the report.

Legal & Insurance:

Auditors are working on the audits. Insurance claims were processed for a workers comp claim and for the accident with 9-3-3 pending the body work. LSRP was notified of the award.

Deferred Business:

The old 9-3-1 Chief's car will be auctioned off on Municibid.com. Dispatch liaisons are Mr. Rudy and Mr. Williams. Mr. Kenney read three resolutions for approval as follows:

1—Increases as stated for the Firewatch for the Bureau. 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 approve this Resolution.

2—Adoption of the Auditors' Report. 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 approve this Resolution.

3—Auctioning of the old Chief's vehicle on Municibid.com. 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 approve this Resolution including the removal of the lettering.

9-3-4 refurb update given by Mr. E.R. Mullen.

New Business:

Mr. Rudy will call Mitch about the equipment. Discussed the need for better lighting.

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, S. Burrows and K. Williams) to pay all bills for the month

of September 2023 in the amount of \$123,487.61. Communications were as follows:
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- Received a copy of a letter from VFIS transmitting payment for a claim
- Memo from E.A. Mullen regarding a Dispatcher issue
- Letter to the Board regarding the resignation of Joyce Lynch effective 12/1/23
- Received copies or 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.

Joint Board: Next meeting will be in November.

Health & Safety: Meeting was in March.

Public Discussion:

Karen Kenney requested that her medical condition and Plan of Care not be discussed at a Commissioners' Meeting. It is a personal matter and should be treated as such. Mr. Rudy stated that he had only intended on questioning Mr. Kenney about his work hours. The attorney stated that, since this is a public meeting, the public may discuss anything but agreed that a person's medical condition is in fact a personal matter and should be discussed privately.

At 8:45 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. Mullen) to adjourn the meeting.

Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:
(Ms.) Joyce E. Lynch