

November 8, 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 7:31 p.m. by the 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 President.

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

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 resume the regular meeting.

The attorney read a resolution appointing a new Commissioner, S. Burrows, to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District 9. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, yes; E.A. Mullen, yes; D. Thaker, yes; and K. Williams, yes) to accept the resolution as read. Mr. Burrows was then sworn in by the attorney and congratulated accordingly.

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

Reports of Committees:

Chief's Report:

Chief Harland gave his report noting 37 calls for the month with no firefighter injuries. No training or equipment requests. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen and S. Burrows) to accept the Chief's Report. A report was given regarding the Explorers, noting that they need to be 18 years old to apply. After the attorney peruses the application, then a background check can be done. The Chief was informed that, if there are any issues that pertain to the Board, he should please check with the Board first.

Fire Equipment & Apparatus:

MK completed miscellaneous repairs to the apparatus. An update was given regarding 9-3-4, noting that we will need to advertise this month. Waiting on parts to repair the oil leak in 9-3-3. The seatbelt alarm in 9-2 will be looked at by EES. Marker light in 9-5 needs repair. New pickup truck was cancelled by the manufacturer; discussed looking into another one and what was needed. New Chief's car lights, radio, and tough-book were all ordered. Don Draper has pictures for the lettering and striping of the new vehicle.

Hydrants: Nothing to report.

Facilities:

Paint cabinet upgrade on hold. Researching prices to upgrade the traffic lights. Getting quotes

or the security camera upgrade. The vendor for the gear cage will be in when we make room
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in the back of the bay. Getting quotes for the projector for the back room. Mr. Rudy received one estimate for the work to be done at House 2; waiting for another one. He asked about the disposition of the old equipment. The electrician was in to fix the outdoor lights.

Communications Equipment: Nothing to report.

Fire Prevention:

The Fire Official submitted his report. He discovered that he needs to submit his pension request six months beforehand, so his effective date to retire may need to be changed to June 2023. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, K. Williams, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen and S. Burrows) to accept the report.

Legal & Insurance:

The Air Truck specs will be re-advertised this month. Discussed some pending legal issues with the attorney, including the status of the fire gear needed. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen, K. Williams and S. Burrows) to approve the donation of miscellaneous equipment that is no longer authorized for public use. A motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen, K. Williams and S. Burrows) to approve the generator maintenance contract for \$1,050.00 for one year from Pezz Electric. Regarding the Commissioners' salary for 2023, a motion was made by K. Williams and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, D. Thaker, E.A. Mullen, K. Williams and S. Burrows) to keep the same salary as last year.

Deferre4d Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

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, D. Thaker and S. Burrows) to pay all bills for the month of September 2022 in the amount of \$178,024.04. Communications were as follows:

- Received two Open Public Records Act Request Forms regarding property inquiries
- 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, K. Williams, D. Thaker and S. Burrows) accept the correspondence and make it a part of the permanent record.

Public Discussion: Budget will be discussed next month.

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 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:
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