

November 14, 2023

The monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District, 1222 Green Street, Iselin, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:40 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, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen. K. Williams and D. Thaker were excused. Also in attendance were E.R. Mullen, W. Kenney, Attorney Mike Burns, the Fire Official, S. Schmalenberger and Mary Wertz.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with a motion made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen).

Reports of Committees:

Fire Equipment & Apparatus:

MK completed miscellaneous repairs to the apparatus. 9-3-4 refurb update. Waiting for parts to repair the oil leak on 9-3-3. Hose Testing was completed and the hose that failed needs to be ordered: two 50' and three 25' totaling approximately \$3,000. Don Draper will try to fit striping for new chief's car in his schedule. EES to check decon hose on 9-5. 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. Received a quote to replace the brow light with LED on 9-6. There were some problems with the compressor at House 2.

Hydrants: Mr. Burrows reported on some minor pending issues.

Facilities:

Paint cabinet upgrade on hold. Researching prices to upgrade the traffic lights. CME recommended a contractor. Fuel Tank issue pending. Side door bar lock was ordered. Wunder took care of the outside lights and will be back for additional issues.

Communications Equipment:

Gas meter in 9-2 and 9-3-1 repaired. Tough books are being programmed by WDBG PD.

Fire Prevention:

The report was submitted by the Fire Official who requested a reimbursement of \$32.85 for batteries purchased, as well as \$150 for himself and Inspector Wertz for the Middlesex County Fire Prevention Association 2024 Membership dues. A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen) to accept the report including the requests.

Legal & Insurance:

Auditors are working on the audits for 2020; 2021 is complete. Fire injury reports filed with District 11. Insurance claim for the accident with 9-3-3 pending the body work. LSRP notified of the award. Resolutions for audits and Commissioners' salaries were submitted by the

attorney. A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, yes; S. Burrows, yes; and E.A. Mullen, yes) to adopt the 2020 and 2021 reports from the Auditors. A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, yes; S. Burrows, yes; and E.A. Mullen, yes) to accept the Resolution regarding the Commissioners' salaries.

Deferred Business:

The old 9-3-1 Chief's car to be auctioned on Municibid.com. Report was given regarding the Verizon lines.

New Business: Nothing major to report.

Communications and Bills:

A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen) to pay all bills for the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$314,421.46. Communications were as follows:

- Received a copy of communications to and from BKC regarding the audits
- A letter from Karen Kenney requesting that her medical condition and Plan of Care not be discussed at a Commissioners' Meeting.
- Copy of a quote from New Jersey Fire Equipment Co. totaling \$6,344.13
- Received copies of various reports

A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen) to accept the correspondence and make it a part of the permanent record.

Chief's Report:

The Report was submitted and included the following requests: RIT pack for 9-2-4, RIT bags for 9-2, 9-5 and 9-6; Scott SCBA communication unit (quote received from NJ Fire Equipment); and 2 blow hard or Super Vac fans. A motion was made by E.A. Mullen and seconded by S. Burrows with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen) to accept the Chief's Report.

Joint Board:

Meeting was held in November. Mr. E.R. Mullen reported on some of the topics that were discussed at the meeting, including the purchase of a trailer (the Joint Boards will pay for half of the total price).

Public Discussion:

President Rudy thanked the Stenographer, Joyce Lynch, for all the years she worked for the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #9.

At 8:05 p.m., a motion was made and seconded with everyone in favor (M. Rudy, S. Burrows and E.A. Mullen) to adjourn the meeting, after which an Executive Session was held.

Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Transcribed by:
(Ms.) Joyce E. Lynch