

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT NO.9
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July 9, 2023

The combined monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioner of District 9, 1222 Green Street, Iselin, New Jersey, was called to order at 7:07p.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: E.A. Mullen, M. Rudy, K. Williams and D. Thaker

Also in attendance were W. Kenney, Fire Official S. Schmalenberger, Purchasing Agent M. Rivera, Board Attorney D. DiYanni and Fire Company Vice President Wertz.

This is a regular monthly meeting.

Reports of Committees:

A motion was made by M. Rudy and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (E.A. Mullen and D. Thaker) to pay the bills for the month of June in the amount of \$117,805.79.

Business Administration Report:

Equipment & Apparatus:

9-3-3 oil leak has been repaired and the flywheel has been repaired. It still needs body work completed. Two gas meters came back from repair and the bottles are inside the officer's room. 9-3-5 inspections are done. 9-2, the AC compressor was replaced, but there are still issues. 9-3-2, everything was removed except for the brackets. Pump testing should be next week. There was a purchase order sent out for the van for lights. No update on 9-3-4 yet.

Hydrants: Nothing to report.

Facilities:

The tanks were removed. There was a violation from the state and that is being worked on by H2M. They must submit paperwork. H2M is going to be in negotiation with DEP to bring the penalty down. Four samples were sent out and three have come back. So far there are no issues and everything is clear. The garden will need to be back filled so there are no injuries. The gate in this area is still locked and the decision was made to

have the landscaper fill the garden area. In regards to clean up, photos will be taken of how everything has been left and it will be sent to H2M. There is an issue with the fire alarm panel. The gym is leaking, right where the air conditioning lines go up. In the packet, there is a proposal from CME & Associates in the amount of \$15,500 for the HVAC system downstairs. They will come up with the specs and design, plus removal of furnace. Upon closer look at the details of the proposal, there is an issue with part of the documentation. A separate price is listed for \$250,000, an amount the board feels is excessive. It was determined that the quote provided was for more work than the board intended. An updated proposal will need to be provided once things are clarified. Mr. Rudy will schedule to sit down with them.

Communications & Equipment:

The batteries and mobile chargers came in. Waiting for the portables to come in.

Legal & Insurance:

Additional information will be provided to the auditor.

A motion was made by M. Rudy seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (E.A. Mullen and K. Williams) to accept the business administration report.

Fire Official Report:

All assignments and inspections were completed for the month of June. There was one fire investigation on Benjamin St, where a dumpster fire damaged a house. In regards to the Metro Park construction, the Woodbridge building department will be doing the plan review. Both S. Schmalenberger and M. Wertz will go to the building department next week to speak with them.

A motion was made by K. Williams seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (E.A. Mullen and M. Rudy) to accept the fire official report.

Fire Chief Report:

One driver qualification for 9-2 and 9-5. No new equipment requests. No outstanding requests. There were: nine fires, nine rescue calls, three hazardous condition without fire, four service calls, 13 fire alarms and no fire injuries for the month.

A motion was made by K. Williams seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (E.A. Mullen and M. Rudy) to accept the fire official report.

Fire Company: None at this time

Topics of Discussion:

Update on 9-3-4: The last email had to do with the wiring on the truck because the generator that was approved was larger than the one that's normally used. As long as the generator provides the amount of energy needed to run the compressor, light and auxiliary outlets on the vehicle, it was fine. The holdup has been the compressor itself.

Legal:

Bids were received for legal services. There is a bid from Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, a firm out Warren, New Jersey. They have experience with different municipalities, fire districts, as well as insurance. The other firm was disqualified because they did not submit the certificate of good standing.

The attorney advised the governor signed a changed in the OPRA law. There is a small concern in regard to any open requests. With the new law, you are unable to submit an anonymous request and then sue when it is not answered. There is anticipation that as many people as possible might submit requests before the new law takes effect. The attorney will need to look into the class action litigation that may be related to an issue with foam and the Carteret fire.

Resolutions: None at this time.

Communications:

There is an open request regarding property on 185 West Kelly St. in Menlo Park Terrace. The call was responded to and there is no outstanding violation. There is a copy of: the New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts meeting minutes that was held on June 1, the penalty, the proposal from CEM Associates, the Bureau of Fire Prevention activity report, business administrator financial report and chief report.

A motion was made by M. Rudy and seconded by D. Thaker with everyone in favor (E.A. Mullen and M. Rudy) to accept the correspondence (communications report.)

Joint Board: Meeting was cancelled.

Public Discussion: None at this time.

A motion was made at 7:43p.m. by M. Rudy and seconded by K. Williams with everyone in favor (E.A. Mullen and D. Thaker) to adjourn the meeting.

Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners, District #9

Minutes taken by:
R. Jimenez

