

*BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 2
TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY*

November 13, 2012

Chairman Robert Kirwan called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:30 p.m. The Sunshine law was read and the date and time of the meeting was posted. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mr. Clancy	Present
Mr. Brass	Present
Mr. Polo	Present
Mr. Polverino	Present
Mr. Kirwan	Present
Mr. Parker	Present
Chief Goldstein	Present
President Berman	Present
1 st Lt. Murray	Present

Correspondence

Mr. Kirwan received letters from Mr. Parker regarding the legal advertising.

Chief's Report

Certain members of the fire company have spent many hours helping our fellow firefighters and people from the communities that have been hit the hardest from Hurricane Sandy and I commend them as to their efforts, long hours and giving up time away from their families to help those that are less fortunate than we are. They have participate in numerous food and clothing fund drives as well as numerous standbys for our fellow firefighters in need of our assistance.

We have been asked a few times by the County Fire Marshalls about providing apparatus along with personnel to the hard hit areas for standby. Since we need to protect ourselves first I understand that we shouldn't volunteer our apparatus for these duties. I spoke to the Fire Marshalls regarding this dilemma and they said to me that's what mutual aid is for, that if we are shorthanded and in need then we would call Mutual aid to cover us. My question to the board is how is this any different than us sending a crew and an engine for a stand by. I agree with your reasoning on not wanting to be short handed in our own town, then on the other had I would like to help our fellow firefighters.

Chief Goldstein would also like to purchase 3 windshield cutters that are battery operated. He is going to look into it a little more and get the information and the cost and he will get back to the board.

There was only one problem that the company ran into is that they had gone to a call and got caught in power lines for multiple hours waiting for JCP & L. Chief Goldstein is going to see what can be done in the future so that this does not happen again.

President Berman and Chief Goldstein is going to get together to write thank you notes to all of the people and companies that helped the company. Donations were collected for the people that were hit hard from the hurricane.

Radio & Alarm

Chief Goldstein is getting information regarding the hiband before he orders any radios.

Building

Daniel's Way – a tree uprooted during the hurricane and US Grounds is coming to remove it. The floor is finished and looks good any problems that occurred are fixed.

Pond Road – NJ door Works was in to look at the door the problem was that the cable was damaged and needed to be replaced which was done.

There is also an electrical outlet that had gone bad and that was also taken care of.

Insurance

Progress.

Maintenance

The packing and a few lights on 77 will be fixed by Fire & Safety.

88 - Is running bad and also has an exhaust leak which will also be serviced by fire & safety

75 is Out of Service until the Turbo can be replaced. Parts already ordered by Fire & Safety

66 Chief's vehicle will be getting new tires shortly.

Plymovent came in and made some changes to the system. Cummins Metro Power is doing the services. The cascade system is up and running service is done.

New Business

Mr. Polo would like to make a suggestion that the board pay for the Fire companies gas bill next month because there generators ran for 8 days straight to cover any emergencies. Mr. Polo made the motion and Mr. Clancy 2nd the board all agreed.

Mr. Polo would also like to make a motion that because all of the line officers, chief were in constant contact with Mr. Polo keeping him informed of what was going on during the hurricane and the fact that they answered over 160 calls he feels they should be rewarded for their time and dedication. He would like the board to award the entire company \$10,000 for them to use for all the members as a thank you for all of their hard work during the storm Mr. Kirwan 2nd it role was called and it was approved.

President Berman would also like the boards' permission to purchase 20 air mattresses to keep at the fire house in case there is another situation like the one with hurricane sandy. He will get the information on the cost and get back to the board.

Mr. Kirwan wanted to know if Mr. Polverino would be running next year, he will be running.

Old Business

Mr. Parker is going to get a ballot box from the county for the special election next month. The proposed question has been Okayed by the board and Mr. Parker is going to have the notices regarding the election posted in 5 public places Mr. Parker will bring the places that they are going to be posted. Mr. Polverino is going to get 2 clerks to run the election.

A Resolution was made regarding the election to purchase the truck Mr. Kirwan made a motion and Mr. Clancy 2nd role was called and it was accepted.

Budget

Mr. Stankewicz reviewed the budget with the board and made the necessary changes he is now going to put the budget together for the board to give a final review, accept and sign.

The projected budget for 2013 is as follows: 2% 20,309 + 10,936(6,400 +4,536 bank and ratable increase) = 31,245

Administration	\$153,000.00	Bay Rental	\$80,000.00
Insurance	300,000.00	Daniel's Way	25,000.00
Chief	65,000.00	Pond Road	25,000.00
Maintenance	234,420.00	Environmental Clean Up	125,200.00
Dutch Lane Road	35,000.00		
Radio & Alarm	25,000.00	Capital Improvement	200,000.00
Total	\$1,267,620	Amt. to be raised by taxation	\$ 1,046,000

Physicals

President Berman is trying to figure out a time that is good for the members to get their physicals next year. He will let the board know when he has that set up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Brass
Sec.
Board of Fire Commissioners
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