

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Bridgewater, New Jersey
Fire District #2**

Regular Meeting on December 16, 2020

This meeting was advertised and called to order in accordance with the "Open Act Sunshine Law."

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debra Brown.

Salute to the flag.

Roll Call of Board: Debbie (P), Chris (P), Jamie (P), Joe (P), John (P).

Also Present: Jeff Taylor and Pete Chetwynd

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to all board members. Minutes accepted as emailed. Motion to accept made by John Marsigliano and seconded by Jamie Brown.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance -	\$ 342,663.92
We received	\$ 152,188.43 for 4 th quarter appropriation
	\$ 1,781.00 for Supplemental Fire Service
New Balance	\$ 380,448.01

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jamie Brown and seconded by John Marsigliano.

Bills: Were read and reviewed by board members to be paid by treasurer Joe Langon.

A motion to pay the bills was made by John Marsigliano and 2nd by Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

- We received the September 2020 Quarterly minutes from the NJ State Association of Fire Districts.

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Meeting Closed to the Public: 7:35 p.m.

Fire Chief's Report: No

- Not submitted by Chief DeLorenzo. Deputy Chief Pete Chetwynd was not aware of anything urgent.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- Squad 21: Panel for CAFS system seems to be fading, will call Fire & Safety for repair.
- Engine 21-5: Batteries on this engine are starting to corrode, may need replacement soon.
- Engine 21-1: The tablet in this engine needs a new charger. Foam tank indicator is not working and needs repair. K12 saw's pull start rope has broken off and will be brought for repair.

- Utility 21: Nothing to report.
- Brush 21: Exhaust is becoming extremely smokey again. Will have a mechanic check it.
- Command Vehicle: Due for an oil change. Reminded Chief Chetwynd that the vehicle should go to Alan & Son Car Care in Branchburg.
- Miscellaneous: CO meters need replacement in engines 21-1 and 21-5. Driver training is ongoing.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- 17 calls in November.
- No issues with the ambulance.
- Work has been completed by Island Tech Services on the new command vehicle. The running board lights and ignition override switch are on order and should arrive in mid-January so they will be installed at a later date.
- Two purchase orders were submitted for medical supplies and a portable scene light.

Old Business:

- We are still trying to locate the title for the 2007 Ford Expedition that we sold to the fire company.
- Debbie will update the reimbursement program once the call reports from November are received.
- Pete asked about an update for the South county pumps in regard to county putting the barcode on each vehicle. Debbie will call and get an update.

New Business

- Our 2021 budget will have a total appropriation of \$532,367.13 with \$498,687.13 raised by taxation. The budget was available for public comment from 6:30-7:30 p.m. this evening. Being there were no questions presented, the board discussed and unanimously approved the 2021 budget.
- We received an email from our attorney that the governor will be changing our election date from February 20 to April 20, 2021 in hopes that the election can be in-person vs. all mail-in due to COVID-19. Petitions to run for a commissioner position are now due by March 22, 2021.
- Pete asked if there has been any update from the E-One representative. Debbie will follow-up with them.

Next scheduled business meeting is January 20, 2021.

Adjournment: Being there is no other business to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Marsigliano and 2nd by Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary