

*Board of Fire Commissioners*

Fire District #5

180 Old Bloomfield Ave.

Parsippany, NJ 07054

October 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 8:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Fallen

<u>Commissioners Roll Call:</u>	<u>Meeting Start</u>	<u>Meeting End</u>
Lambert	X	X
Nazario	X	X
Greenberg	X	X
Palmieri	X	X
Campbell,	Absent	

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** On Recorder

**Public:** We have a prospective new member here tonight, Pat Calabrese, he works for the Township of Hanover.

The Commissioners have a vested interest and expense with new members coming on, make sure you understand all of your responsibilities as a firefighter.

Please complete the required physical tests you'll need.

**Treasurers Report:** Opening balance was \$250,008.41 and the closing balance was \$229,808.56, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter incentives went out, we had some notables; Fire and Safety for \$2,018.77; Fire Fighter 1 for \$4,326.00; Royal Communications for \$1,320.00, plus the normal operating expenses such as utilities.

I just got the voucher for Fire Prevention, the Township doesn't send the mail, the Township goes to Campbell and he signs for everything and that's not the way it's suppose to be done.

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**Joint Board Meeting:** We had our meeting here with the Chiefs we discussed the County radio system and how they are changing everything and all the channels as well, and we'll see what happens. They said they may have to come here and do ours apparently each district is a little different, so they have to come and set it up.

It seems a little better we have some committees so we can actually do something.

We also talked about the re-hab trailer they are putting some extra funds, it's approximately \$800.00 per district, we will need a Resolution for that expense.

**Fire Prevention:** A quick meeting, wait until next meeting and then in January they will vote in a new Chairman, a couple of Chiefs are changing also.

We have a Fire Prevention detail on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> at South Beverwyck Road next to the Methodist Church, on Wednesday, right here, a Way We Grow, I have everyone's name, and I've asked Brandon if he can work the one on Wednesday I'm working that day.

**Correspondence:** Normal bills, just one note, the mail truck fire on the Turnpike, apparently that did not affect us, we did have checks that cleared.

**LOSAP:** No numbers yet at the end of the year we'll be getting that together.

**Insurance:** Received a small bill, we put 3 more members on, we should be getting something from the Group Policy and Accident and Sickness, haven't received anything yet.

**New Building:** Had elevator inspected on Friday.

**Dinner:** In progress, just received a re-vamped menu and we did confirm we are getting that whole room, the cocktail hour will be where the main bar is and the side room with all the glass. It's the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February which is Super Bowl weekend.

**Good and Welfare:** Nothing to report.

**Chief's Report:**

1. We had 22 calls, 17 day and 5 night
2. We spent \$307.15 this month from the Chief's fund.
3. Patrick Fales turnout gear is \$2,712.00 will need a Resolution.

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Apparently the guys failed test again, they only have 3 shots at the test if they don't pass it this time they have to take the course all over again, I'll call and confirm.

**Truck Committee:** Everything is moving nicely, I just asked them to leave the District 5 off the side. The radios are ordered with the chargers.

It looks like we'll be going out there on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November, we're going to need to know who's going, I'll make a list and its limited to 5 guys.

**Public:**

**Old Business:** 1. Everyone has had a chance to review the resume's of the potential new hire of a secretary, and we did all the interviews.

- a. Starting from the bottom up, nice lady but not what we're looking for. She has a lot of knowledge, we made it clear it was only 16 hours a week, she questioned benefits, pension and a 401K which she would not be entitled to with a part time position.
- b. Number 2, nice lady but I think she was also like, I won't be able to come in if my kids were sick and things like that.
- c. Number 3, I liked Patty, Bob Campbell's sister, but we also know what comes with some other things we discussed and she can't be here during the day.
- d. Penny definitely has the qualifications, the only thing that bothered me is we're going to be on her terms for the first 60 days.

My two are Penny & Patty.

Penny is retired, I don't think that's going to be a problem, she's going on a cruise, then after two days home she's going to Arizona and won't be back until the middle of March and that's it.

And the other thing is, she's lived her life, she's getting her pension from the town, she's getting Social Security, she's got grandkids and the whole nine yards.

She's the most flexible with the hours, she's got the numbers down right. She's very competent as far as the State and Local Government is concerned which is a must for us.

If I had my choice I would pick her, she fits right in with all of us, she's the whole package. I just hope that it all works out.

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**Old Business Continued:**

She's looking to keep busy and wants to make a couple of bucks on the side.

I'm looking at a November 1<sup>st</sup> start time for her, we have to get a computer and set-up her office, right now she can work between both offices.

We'll need two computers, one for us and one for her, we also need a couple of lap tops, and tough books for the trucks. If we're going to net work everything your going to have wires all over the place.

Lets just get two computers right now, we need to get her a scanner also for the files. Two desk tops should be about \$750.00 each. We need to get an IT man in here right away, as of February we have to be online with the State.

Resolution for Secretary now:

For Penny:

Aye: Commissioner Nazario, Palmieri, Greenberg, Lambert

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

The Resolution was Adopted.

Okay Penny is our new Secretary we'll send her a letter and let her know. Give her a tentative start date and we'll work from there.

**Commissioners went into Executive Session at 8:30 pm**

**Out of Executive Session at 8:42 pm**

**New Business:** 1. We are low on pagers again. We received Howie's back it's on my desk, we also got Smitty's and his sons back.

Now we have two new members Pat Calabrese who will need one and the other new member.

**New business Continued:**

2. Equipment for the new engine, Ken suggested we get some quotes for new hose packs.

Safe T has it for \$1.00 less a foot, 1,000 foot at 5" – 2 – 50 footers for \$5,407.50, 6 lengths of duce and a half that for the 50 foot lengths is \$1,334.10 12 lengths of 1 ¾ inch for \$943.50, the total will be \$8,628.60 that's without the (indiscernible).

The DPH is a higher pressure hose, I think it's rated 900 PSI, it's \$200.00 more. I just wanted to make sure we're getting the right stuff. The new one, the conquest is an additional \$90.00 a length.

Both Cain and Safe T were reasonably the same. Safe T was cheaper with the front suction that's an additional \$600.00. total for hose is \$9,168.68 for 1,000 feet of 5 inch, the 6 lengths of duce and a half. Stenciling is no charge for both, DPH 5 (indiscernible), the cost is \$10,168.60 for Safe T and \$9,189.13 for Cain.

3.Scott packs, the State Contract bid, there is a difference, Scott has, every year they change, their new packs now is a pack 75 4.5 PSI, there's new additions to the harness, there is a question if they still make the Scott 50's so we're going to try and get back on that but the price we got for 5 packs and 5 bottles for the pack 75's is \$33,367.50, the packs are \$5,485.50 each and the bottles are \$1,188.00 each.

**Resolutions:**

1. Authorize payment not to exceed \$900.00 to outfit the performance trailer.

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Greenberg, Lambert

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner: Campbell

2. Authorize payment to Fire Fighter 1 for 1 set of gear for new member Patrick Fales at \$2,712.00

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Greenberg, Lambert

Nay: None

**Resolutions Continued:**

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner: Campbell

3. Authorize payment to Safe T for hose totaling \$9,168.60 for new engine

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Greenberg, Lambert

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

4. Authorize payment to Fire Fighter Equipment Company for 5 Scott Air Packs and 5 Bottles pending to see if Scott Packs 50 are available for a cheaper price \$33,367.50 State Contract bid.

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Greenberg, Lambert

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

5. Authorize payment to Royal Communications for the purchase of two pagers at \$500.00 each for a total price of \$1,000.00

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Greenberg, Lambert

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner

6. Authorize Normal Operating Expenses.

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Greenberg, Lambert

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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**Resolutions Continued:**

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

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**Adjournment:**

The meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm.