

Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District #5

180 Old Bloomfield Ave.

Parsippany, NJ 07054

December 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 8:09 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting: On web site.

Treasurers Report: 1. BFIS for \$9,541.21; Hose Testing \$3,030.30; On Line Contracting, \$20,385.50; Oshkosh Capital automatic withdrawal for \$5,930.50; BFIS again for \$5,214.00, we received our quarterly check in the amount of \$205,660.00 and made two (2) deposits in the amount of \$7,145.99.

Public: We have a new member, Melissa Martin, she lives on Greenbriar Rd. #2, explained everything on how we function, she will be a Station 2 Member.

Please get a physical at Concentra, once that comes up clear on Friday, you can attend the Company Meeting at 7:30 if you pass the physical. Welcome.

Public portion Closed

Joint Board Meeting: 1. Having a problem with the academy

Fire Prevention Bureau: Tonight was Mike's retirement dinner, they posted a notice for a full time and part time inspector, if no one from inside applies for the job, then they will open it up to the public.

Correspondence: We received a letter from Lori Falcone the Girl Scout Leader requesting use of the fire house for her cookie distribution either on February 24th 2014 from 8am to 8:30 pm and maybe the 25th only necessary if trucks can't get there on the 24th do to the weather.

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Joint Board: 1. We're trying to square things with the Academy. We need to know what dates we were scheduled to use the Academy, we believe it was one (1).

2. We had the Fit Test, to our knowledge when District 4 does theirs, it's actually very easy, we actually got to the first part when we had to leave for a call.

3. Received the minutes from the State Board, meeting in September, they seem to be forming some allegiance with Senator Sweeney, his initial speech was in regard to a combination and shared services, some of the districts want to volunteer to hold their elections in November rather than in February.

4. We received an email concerning Obama Care, they have to work 30 hours a week we don't think it will affect us. Most guys aren't here for 30 hrs a week we'll have to get a determination from the IRS who's handling all of it. It has to be every week, we don't think it will affect us.

5. We received an email concerning Bob Cane, he fell and broke his hip and femur, he's had surgery and is still in the hospital. We'll send him something when he gets home.

Fire Prevention Bureau: They tried to do away with meetings and the oldest gentleman from District 2 put a stop to it, they said it will be a better working conditions between them and the Districts.

Correspondence: None just did some vouchers today.

LOSAP: We won't know what we can do until sometime in January, we need the final percentages and the State will let us know how much we can put in, the Fire Districts receive more than the municipalities.

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Insurance: Just paid Accident and Sickness the joint policy with all the Districts. Group Life took off 5 and put on 7. Would like a much better explanation on what's covered and what isn't. Would like to understand it better. He hasn't called me back yet.

Old Building: We've been talking about coming up with a plan to do the lockers, bays, ceiling tiles, so we need to come up with a working plan for next year.

New Building: Someone took the letters down, the suspension letters etc., and the sign to keep the door shut and people are eating in there.

We had a little situation last night It was addressed, that was the warning one more time then it's suspension, it was right after the call. We will put the signs back up and if we find out who took them down, that person will be sitting down for two weeks.

Dinner: Invitations are made they will be picked up by Friday. Commissioners can invite one (1) guest, Chief three (3) guests and Assistant Chief one (1). Will reach out to Aristocrat for the bus. Have the contract for the DJ same as last year.

Matt you will be MCing this year, find out who gets the service awards this year.

Good and Welfare: Will send something to Bob Cane when he gets home from the hospital.

Chiefs Report:

1. \$429.07 from the Chief's fund
2. We have a new member, Melissa Martin whom you met earlier
3. 10 day and 8 night for a total of 18 calls
4. 51 is going to Val Tech on January 6
5. 54 front seat replaced
6. Bat 5 still out on repairs
7. 51 fix broken discharge drain
8. Request for Expenses:
 - a. Fire Fighter 1, 3 bottles expired new ones have a 2 year expiration date, for a total of \$614.47
 - b. Would like the Chief's fund increased to approximately \$500.00

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9. 3 out of 8 people passed the hazmat and 5 failed. They have to take it again, they cannot take Fire Fighter I until they pass Hazmat

We are not paying for anyone to go through Fire Fighter 1 again right now.

Truck Committee: Ladder 5 has issues, brought up by the Lieutenant. The truck was positioned to the roof, the generator was running, everything was running, the truck didn't shut down, it sounded like a breaker shut off, everything shut off except the truck and the headlights.

Old Business: 1. Engine 656 – No Bids, we will re-advertise reducing the bid amount to \$7,000.00 instead of \$7,500.00.

2. Two Commissioner positions' are open this year, Lambert and Nazario are up for re-election, they must complete and file a petition in order to get on the ballot.

New Business: 1. The clothing allowance is \$20,477.50

2. Would like the lap tops to have an easy username so everyone on a truck can use it.

Resolutions:

1. Authorize payment to Fire Fighter I in the amount of \$614.47 for 3 bottles of Calibration gas

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

Abstain: None

Nay: None

2. Authorize increase in Chief's Fund to \$450.00

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

Abstain: None

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Resolutions Continued:

Nay None

3. Authorize the 2013 clothing allowance in the amount of \$20,477.50.

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

4. Authorize Bill List for November 2013

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

5. Authorize Normal Operating Expenses

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri and Lambert

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

Adjourned the December 11, 2013 at 9:03 pm.