

Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District #5

680 Old Bloomfield Ave., PO Box 151

Parsippany, NJ 07054

December 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 8:00pm

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
Campbell, Sr.	X	X
Campbell, Jr.	X	X
Nazario	X	X
Greenberg	X	X

Minutes of Previous Meeting: On Computer

Treasurers Report: Opening balance of \$301,710.52, 1 deposit in the amount of \$4,875.00 for Dedicated Penalties, closing balance \$275,260.04. \$5,214.00 to VFIS and another to VFIS in the amount of \$9,282.00, \$1,800.00 to Ramsko for Haz-Mat Suits, \$1,400.00 to Fire Fighter 1 for calibration of meters, American Test Centers for the ladders in the amount of \$1,134.00. 00 we are at \$246,609.00 plus \$197,000.00 for a total of \$443,609, however we have a \$23,000.00 payment for the roof that just came in so that bill will bring us down to \$426,009.00 roughly until March when we get our first check from the 2012 budget, if we can wait and there's nothing emergent, hold off until 2012.

We need some numbers for the truck to be put on the ballot, we need voter approval to be able to go for whatever amount that's going to be.

Your incentives is roughly around \$23,000.00 which is about \$2,000.00 more than last year but we also have more members.

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Treasurer's Report Continued:

For the 2012 budget we stayed at the 2% cap, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 is \$807,706.00 in total revenue to be raised by taxation, \$806,222.00 to be raised by taxes.

For the truck we have a budget of \$425,000.00 we can definitely fine tune it down and can definitely get a nice truck for \$425,000.00.

The total 2% increase over last year is \$17,292.00 in taxes or 9 ½ cents per \$100.00 dollars of tax money.

Resolution to approve 2012 Budget:

1. Authorize 2012 Fire District Budget as presented.

Aye: Commissioners: Lambert, Nazario, Campbell, Jr., Greenberg,
Campbell, Sr.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Joint Board Meeting:

1. George from VFIS was at the meeting, gave a presentation on 2007 Tinten Falls Fire Department law suit stemming from a citizen who stepped on a live wire after the fire department had secured it and handed the command over to the utility company on the scene. It's cause a controversy for the paid and volunteer Fire Departments throughout the State.

Some of the questions were: is it our duty to respond to live wires down when there's no hazard? It's coming down to the issue of where your now not going to be able to get away from it or cone it off on saying we're not going to wait for 2 hours for the power company to come, someone is either going to have to stay there or (indiscernible) . There's nothing on record stating the fire department relinquished the command or the incident to the power company.

This is what happened: an individual walked out the backdoor of their home, got into his car, went to pull out of the driveway and someone from the house told the individual

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that there was a live wire down, the individual drove back over the live wire, got out of the car, walked to their house with the car running, got to the front door realized the car is still running, turned around went back to the car, opened the door and shut off the car, as the individual exits the car, he steps on the live wire, suffers severe injuries to the arm and leg,

The case finally came to an end and the jury found that Tinten Falls Fire Department liable for 60% of the damages and the power company was found that the power company was liable for 40% of the damages, and the police department was 0% liable. It's not over because they are appealing the decision.

If there is a problem like this again, do it over the air, tell the dispatcher that you're leaving the scene and your relinquishing to the power company, and get the name and badge number of the person from the power company and give it to the dispatcher and write it down in your reports, the lesson here is to document everything.

2. Rehab Trailer: we've advised 65 that they have to get their act together or they will not be included in this, there's a big conflict between 69 and 65, 65 doesn't want to put anything into it because they wanted to own it or tow it, they were advised that we don't hear from them within a week they are out.

Apparently none of the information to the Board or members of 65 isn't getting to them its stopping at the person they are contacting.

3. There's a Bill on the Governor's desk in which if we ask for money from the public on the ballot and if you don't spend all the money you can't use the remaining money on something else.

Correspondence: We received Notice of Violations from the Fire Prevention Bureau for both fire houses. Station 1 has 9 and Station 2 has 10.

Sprinkler report, hood report, engine bay compressed gas cylinders must be secured, electrical outlets must install switch covers that's in the storage room and engine bay, outlets at bar, multi plug adapter.

Cleaning records for the kitchen must be kept on the premise. Dryer vent report must be kept on premise, emergency generator test required and that report must be kept on premises, records of testing, maintenance, inspections of emergency lighting kept, fire alarm must be maintained, and the rear of the building has some conditions that must be taken care of.

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Fire Prevention: None

LOSAP: Can't do anything until the numbers from the State come out.

Insurance: None

Old Building: Roof is completed, we just have to clean out the cutters, vent pipes are 18" off the roof instead of 6". The roofer replaced a bunch of flue pipes in here. Everything is done, just have to call for the inspection.

New Building: Just minor things, would like to get someone in the buff all the floors.

Good and Welfare: Wanda Adams is in the hospital.

Dinner: Invitations ready to be mailed out. We decided that we won't have any centerpieces this year.

Chief's Report:

1. 37 calls, 30 day 7 night
2. Spent \$351.00 from Chief's fund
3. Will be receiving our check in the amount of \$37,000.00 from FEMA shortly from hurricane Irene
4. A State of Emergency was called for the snow storm, all paperwork has been received, that should be another check coming from FEMA
5. Ordered and received the Bail-Out systems, it's \$1,500.00 to train 10 firefighters, we were also told that once these people are trained, we can train the rest on our own and it won't cost anything.
6. As far as the year went, it was an excellent year, the Officers and the Commissioners were excellent, they were able to provide us with things that we need throughout the year.
7. We have 19 guys that should receive corduroy jackets, they are our new Station jackets, already received permission from the Commissioners a couple of months ago, they are \$100.00 per firefighter.

Truck Committee: We had a meeting and we have some base prices, we got it down to our budgeted number of \$425,000.00. it almost resembles 51 instead of the new style with the pushed out nose, I would put a budget amount of \$450,000.00.

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Public: None

Old Business: Heard back from John from Fire Firefighter I on the gear. Received the gear and the guys are wearing them, there are 13 members with brand new pants, it looks like the knee braces are a little better just by looking at them.

Key Fobs are being re-programmed.

Sheet rock in the back room on the walls will be done.

New Building: Had some inquiries about the rental of our room, we will be able to rent the room to police officers, members or any member of emergency forces we also have the Italian American Club and the Board of Education who would like to use the room for their holiday party on Tuesday December 27th. There's no problem with renting the room to these organizations.

Resolutions:

1. Authorize payment for roof repairs over the engine bays in the amount of \$23,000.00

AYES: Commissioners, Lambert, Campbell Jr., Nazario, Greenberg, Campbell, Sr.

NAYS: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Authorize payment to Fire Fighter I for 10 members to attend Bail Out classes in the amount of \$1,900.00.

AYES: Commissioners, Lambert, Campbell Jr., Nazario, Greenberg, Campbell, Sr.

NAYS: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Authorize Expenditure of \$1,900.00 for 19 Jackets

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AYES: Commissioners, Lambert, Campbell Jr., Nazario, Greenberg, Campbell, Sr.

NAYS: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Adjourned the December 14, 2011 at 9:07 pm

Executive Session: Entered Executive Session at 9:08pm