

Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District #5

180 Old Bloomfield Ave.

Parsippany, NJ 07054

June 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 8:00 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
Greenberg	X	X
Campbell, Jr.		
Campbell, Sr.	X	X

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Logged and on computer.

Treasurers Report: May's opening Balance was \$419,529.12, closing balance was \$570,294.85. That includes our 2nd deposit of the year of \$197,603.50, should be receiving another check shortly. Notable payments were Travelers Insurance for Workers Compensation in the amount of \$17,262.00 that's for the year, Fire Fighter I in the amount of \$1,496.00, JCP&L in the amount of \$2,320.00, Nisivocchia in the amount of \$8,060.00 for our internal audit, ValTech in the amount of \$2,774.00, we can look forward to utilities going up shortly and we've already made our 651 payment for the year.

Joint Board Meeting: Two issues were brought up:

1. Fire Prevention Bureau: we brought up our issues including the Fire Official not getting information we requested and isn't fulfilling its main function which is inspections, other people were of the same opinion. We believe it may be time to pull out of the Bureau as a District and do what we need to do as a District and protect our Firefighters and the citizens of the District.

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2. The other issue was the trailer and if we are going to turn it over to R&R, the feeling was that if we are turning it over to R&R, it should only be turned over with a very specific Memorandum of Understanding that if they fail to staff it, move it or get it to calls as it was intended, the specific use of this trailer was for fire fighters re-hab, it's now branching out to be used for dive rescue calls. The issue is registering and insurance who's going to be responsible for that? That's where the issue of ownership comes in, who's going to own the title?

There has to be a memorandum of Understanding there's a lot of unknown right now because it hasn't been used, they keep using Lincoln Park as an example, but Lincoln park had their trailer here 3 or 4 times, do we reciprocate only to the people that helped us or do we do everybody else and where do we house it, there's still a lot of issues that have to be worked on.

If we do turn it over to R&R, there still needs to be a clear Memorandum of Understanding stating what it was developed for, its functions, and who's going to use it, everyone needs to get involved in this issue.

There is a problem with just turning it over to R&R, number 1 the rehab end of a fire scene is run by EMS, this is an EMS function they should run it and they agreed to it. Just turning it over, EMS runs the re-hab, the fire department doesn't run the re-hab, their issue was that they their rig couldn't tow it. Most districts use R&R for their cascade and they use it for boarding up, to get the ball rolling let them house it and let them tow it to the scene and park down the street and wait until they are needed, that would be beneficial for all emergency services, the intent wasn't to take the trailer and go to R&R so they can use it for dive calls, their dive calls are not just restricted to New Jersey, they go to New York and Pennsylvania as so on so there is a problem.

The point is there needs to be a Memorandum of Understanding stating what its original use was and if you fail to staff it or move it, then it reverts back to the fire department.

Going back to the Fire Prevention Issue, if we are not receiving reports on things that are beneficial to the Fire Fighters in this District, you don't know what you're walking into or not. Walking into buildings in this town and certain major life hazards namely Baldwin Oaks, by law they have 30 days to turn over the paperwork.

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Joint Board Meeting Continued:

Anything we don't get from this point on will be a legal issue and we should send a letter to the Board advising of a possible suit. It's the law, after 30 days if we do not get a response then we can take legal action.

Public: (No announcement of name) On June 25th I am getting married and would like to request permission to use the ladder truck as transportation.

AYE: Commissioners: Lambert, Nazario, Greenberg

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Campbell, Sr.

ABSENT: Campbell, Jr.

Fire Prevention: As previously discussed under Joint Board, there's a meeting next week.

Correspondence: We received a renewal notice from NFPA and still waiting to hear back from Penn Credit on the claim that we didn't pay the bill, its going to take at least 30 to 40 days before we receive a response.

LOSAP: LOSAP is completed, have phone calls into Bruce Linger, we have the numbers and we'll be doing a spread sheet, it may be a substantial number and there may be a lot of guys that aren't registered yet, we will be getting the registration paperwork then we can register everyone.

Insurance: We are sending all the information out on our firefighters.

Old Building: Roof has stopped leaking.

New Building: Nothing

Dinner: Progress is being made, waiting for Browstone to call back, they had a fire so it may take a few more days.

Good and Welfare: Nothing

Chief's Report:

1. 14 calls, 11 day and 2 night
2. Used \$76.21 from the Chief's Fund for Breakfast and had a free oil change on the Chief's car.
3. Received a letter of Resignation from Brian, please take him off insurance and LOSAP he returned all his gear.
4. Pump Tests were done on all trucks except 56 and that will be re-scheduled.
5. Ladder truck testing will be in July
6. At the Baldwin Oaks fire call, the Chief's car received some damages, scratches and a dent, received a quote of \$400.00 to fix everything and with a guarantee, and in and out detailing. If approved tonight we'll have it done as soon as possible.

Old Business: Nextell account has been closed out

New Business: We should have our Attorney come up with an action plan and how to proceed with the Fire Prevention issues, we will need a Resolution in the amount of \$5,000.00 to retain our Attorney.

Executive Session: None

Resolutions:

1. Authorize our normal monthly Operating Expenses

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

Absent: Campbell Jr.

Abstain: NONE

Nay: NONE

2. Authorize allowing the Fire Commissioners to become their own IEA and to authorize \$5,000.00 payment to retain a lawyer to start the process of litigation.

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

Absent: Campbell Jr.

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Resolutions Continued:

Abstain: NONE

Nay: NONE

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.