

Board of Fire Commissioners

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<i>Chairman</i> George L Brown	<i>Vice Chairman</i> Brian Robinson	<i>Treasurer</i> Steven M. Funkhouser	<i>Secretary</i> George W. Flinn	<i>Commissioner</i> Derek Grier
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MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING September 26, 2024

In accordance with the New Jersey Sunshine Law, section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, this meeting is open to the public. The public portion will follow the regular business of the Board. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Fire District bulletin board designed for that purpose.

CALL TO ORDER

Public meeting call to order at 18:34 hours.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

GRIER	PRESENT
ROBINSON	PRESENT
FLINN	PRESENT
FUNKHOUSER	PRESENT
BROWN	PRESENT

Also present: Chief Brown, Administrative Clerk Evans

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Funkhouser to accept the previous month's Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

GRIER	YEA
ROBINSON	YEA
FLINN	YEA
FUNKHOUSER	YEA
BROWN	YEA

CORRESPONDENCE

All has been distributed and is on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Funkhouser read the Treasurer's Report into the record; the opening balance in the general account was \$3,408,950.02. Payroll account balance was \$26,393.76. Bills attached for approval totaled \$112,351.71. Total amount for approval is \$112,351.71.

Motion made by Commissioner Flinn to accept the Treasurer's Report, and monthly bill list. Motion seconded by Commissioner Grier. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE

GRIER	YEA
ROBINSON	YEA
FLINN	YEA
FUNKHOUSER	YEA
BROWN	YEA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSIONER BROWN

Budgets: We have to start thinking about budgets, its September so by the time we get around to next month that should be a terrific time.

Volunteer Liaison: Any new members? No.

COMMISSIONER ROBINSON

Nothing at this time, I defer to the Chief's Report.

COMMISSIONER FUNKHOUSER

Defer to the Chief's Report also.

We were notified that Interstate Waste would be raising our rates from \$239.99 to \$280.99 monthly. I spoke with them and they agreed to lower the rate to \$263.37.

The guys did a great job on the building.

The parking lot has been full with all kinds of vehicles. We need to get the signs; we will get to that next meeting.

COMMISSIONER FLINN

Nothing to report. We should know what the insurance is since we just got all the quotes.

COMMISSIONER GRIER

Defer to the Chief's Report

We are still waiting on repairs to the Squad. The Squad is getting picked up Monday to have the generator looked at again; it is old so it is hard to find parts for. The Spartan went out and had everything fixed, that was another \$6,500 to repairs on the apparatus. Seagrave is also having problems with the generator. That truck is 23 years old now, so it is very hard to get parts to fix that. The chief's Tahoe repairs were all covered under warranty. And if it breaks again the Tahoe will get a new engine.

FIRE CHIEF/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Report has been submitted.

The last couple of days a lot of my time has been taken up reviewing the new CAD system, it is a working progress. I am trying to remain positive; when it gets to the point that it should be it's going to offer us a lot of advantages. They want to take it live Tuesday. One of the issues is the alerting system is only alerting to runs in our district right now, so the officers have been monitoring the pagers and staying on top of all the other mutual aid calls.

I got three quotes for the replacement of the water fountain outside of the hall. They are all within about \$7 of each other. It will be about \$1,900, and we have the money in the budget to do so.

Over the next two weeks we should be able to wrap up the project in the apparatus room.

I was able to obtain two of the HASS alerting systems that sends alerts out to the public when we are out on the roadway at no cost to the department.

Thanks to Captain Craig for updating our monthly reports so that we are back on schedule.

Recognition of Firefighter Jessy Baxley. We received a letter from the township requesting nominations for the citizen appreciation award. It was unanimously decided that we should nominate Jessy Baxley. She received notification last week from the Mayor's office that she will be receiving the award on Saturday, October 12th.

We are now 95% there with the new smoke inspection application process using the First Due system. The new process will eliminate the problems we had with the controls on the process. We are now able to print out receipts of payment and email certification directly when the inspection is completed. The process is much more efficient. We are still looking into credit card processing through First Due to make it more convenient for people. We can budget for it now for 2025.

I will be meeting with the commissioners to start the budget; I'd like to walk into next month's meeting with about 75% of the budget ready.

Motion made by Commissioner Flinn, seconded by Commissioner Grier to accept the Chiefs Report. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE

GRIER	YEA
ROBINSON	YEA
FLINN	YEA
FUNKHOUSER	YEA
BROWN	YEA

RESOLUTIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Air condition unit: We are going through three different companies to replace the circuit board on one of our units since the system is constantly running.

Roof: We have the contract we are just waiting on it to come back with signatures, it is in their hands.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

Motion by Commissioner Flinn and seconded by Commissioner Funkhouser to adjourn meeting at 18:59 hours. Motion Carried.