

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Wednesday, July 31, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

Maria Bucsanszky: Mr. President – All the requirements of the “Open Public Meeting Act” have been complied with by advertising in the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger. Copies of the meeting notice have been sent to the Municipal Clerk’s Office and posted on the bulletin boards of the fire house and the post offices of Woodbridge and Sewaren. Mr. President, you may proceed.

Commissioner John C. Kenny led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members and for our men and women serving overseas.

PRESENT: Commissioner Todd Howell, Commissioner John C. Kenny, Commissioner Patrick Kenny, Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr., Commissioner Jeffrey Moran

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney – Christopher Howell
Clerk – Maria Bucsanszky
Chief Charles Kenny

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28th, 2018 Regular Meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay we’ll get into Committee Reports. We’ll start with Personnel and Liaison to the Volunteer Fire Company – Commissioner Moran.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL AND LIAISON TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY:

Commissioner J.M.: We have our usual Personnel issues like time off, vacations, etc. Training report is 51 hours for the career department and 7 hours for the volunteer department. There’s an outside group coming scheduled to do training in August and there are three courses currently being held for training in the fall. That’s all.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, any questions for Personnel and Liaison to the Volunteer Fire Company? Okay, Apparatus and Vehicles – Commissioner Howell.

APPARATUS AND VEHICLES:

Commissioner T.H.: Thank you Mr. President. I want to point out that several items are with maintenance but one of them was that item brought up by our Health and Safety Committee and these are the keyless ignitions that are in our auxiliary vehicles. The following vehicles have been installed: Officer's Vehicle 1-1-3, that's the Chief's car; 1-3-5, 1-3-2, 1-3-6 and 1-3-7. This allows the operator to remove the keys from the car in an incident and leave it running. If someone were to jump in and try and take it a kill switch kicks in and shuts the car down. On Engine 1-1 various lights were repaired and on Engine 1-3 there were several lights fixed and the vehicle was sent to Perth Amboy and the spring things and the drive and steering springs were repaired. They had trouble getting grease in them and that issue was addressed and corrected. On Truck 1-2-6 a new LEDC light was placed in service and a few small items. Mr. President that pretty much covers the Apparatus, it's all up and running very well, thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, any questions for Apparatus and Vehicles? We'll move on to Fire Prevention, Telecommunications and Hydrants – Commissioner Minkler.

FIRE PREVENTION:

Commissioner R.M.: Thank you Mr. President. The report is dated July 31st, 2018: Fire Investigations – 2; Total Inspections Completed in July – 62; Complaints and Spot Inspections – 2; Life Hazards – 5; Quarterly – 7; Semi-Annual – 4; Non-Life Hazard Uses – 2; Total Re-Inspections – 36; Permits Issued – 5; Total Amount Billed in July - \$270.00; Total Amount Collected in July - \$1,823.00. That's my report for Fire Prevention Mr. President.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, any questions for Fire Prevention? We'll move on to Telecommunications and Hydrants.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND HYDRANTS:

Commissioner R. M.: Mr. President under Hydrants the water company reached out to Commissioner P. Kenny and myself due to the hydrant on the corner of Green Street and Amboy Avenue that keeps getting hit by the three gas stations there. They asked if they could remove it. If they didn't remove it they were moving it up two houses west on Green Street. So in reality the hydrant was three houses away from the next hydrant so we asked to have the hydrant removed.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, any questions for Telecommunications or Hydrants? Okay, we'll move on to Building and Grounds – Commissioner P. Kenny.