

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny – 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 special memory for Joseph Karnas, a life member and also a retired Career Captain.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney – Christopher Howell
District Clerk – Maria Bucsanszky - Excused

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7th, 2018 Regular Meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Jeffrey Moran and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: We’ll go into Personnel and Liaison to the Volunteer Fire Company – Commissioner Moran.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL AND LIAISON TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY:

Commissioner J.M.: Personnel – Normal time off vacation/personal days etc.; a couple of sick days. Training Report – Completed 98 hours of training in the past month covering such areas as motor vehicle extrication with Bradshaw, Texas A & M on all hazards classes was presented, Wellness Training, Peer Support Training, Call Reviews to improve our operation and Hydrant Inspections. The Compliance Battalion was sent to the OSHA General Industry Safety Course training. Some EMT core refresher training, training on the new microphones for the portable radios and various CEU classes offered for the Division of Fire Safety. That’s my report Mr. President.

Commissioner R.M.: Okay any questions for Commissioner Moran? Okay we’ll move on to Apparatus and Vehicles – Commissioner Howell.

APPARATUS AND VEHICLES:

Commissioner T.H.: Thank you Jack. I want to point out that we had our snowplow and the snow blower serviced so we are all ready for winter. We had to order a new K12 saw, the ongoing problems with the current saw didn't make it cost effective to fix it so we're going to replace it, and we issued new coats to members of the fire department, career and volunteer, for use during foul weather. I would also point out that Engine 3 is still out having some paint and body work done; they'll notify us when it's ready for pickup. That's the end of my report sir.

Commissioner R.M.: Okay, any questions for Commissioner Howell? Okay we'll move on to Fire Prevention – Commissioner Minkler.

FIRE PREVENTION:

Commissioner R.M.: Thank you Mr. President. Report dated December 1st covering November: Total Inspections – 152; Spot Inspections – 108; Life Hazards – 1; Quarterly – 2; Non-Life Hazards – 2; Total Re-Inspections – 39; Permits Issued – 9; Billing in November was \$10,538.00 and Total Amount Collected in November was \$3,698.00. I also have the report for December dated January 2nd that's going to be the report covering 2018. Total Inspections Completed in 2018 – we're going to hold that for now on that report.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, now we'll move into Telecommunications and Hydrants – Commissioner Minkler.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND HYDRANTS:

Commissioner R.M.: On Hydrants we have two new installed private fire hydrants in Jacob's Landing and they're fully operational.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, any questions for Commissioner Minkler? Buildings and Grounds – Commissioner P. Kenny.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Commissioner P.K.: Building and Grounds Report – Airtec completed the startup of the heaters and reported that Heater No. 2 will not fire up he believes to be the inducer. He said when he gets back to the shop he was going to let the boss know and they would come back out and fix that one. Sonic Companion and CO detectors throughout the building and tested the alarm on November 1st. They did the annual boiler inspection. Bowco was here and did their monthly services. Edison Door completed a permanent repair on Door No. 3. The contractor was here and put a half waxed seal around the four drains in the shower where we think it's the leak that's been flowing down into the ceiling in the backroom there the flow of the water and inspected the downstairs bathroom with no leaks so I think we might have solved