

Regular Meeting, January 11, 2011

Chairman Raymond Equils called the meeting to order at 20:00 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Equils then read the Opening Statement, noting this meeting was advertised on Saturday, January 1, 2011 in the Asbury Park Press and posted on two (2) municipal Bulletin Boards and in the firehouse, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, commonly referred to as "The Sunshine Law."

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Equils, Kelly, McMahon, Scarlato, and Stalling being present. Chiefs Bommer and Nichols and two (2) other firefighters were also present. There was zero (0) public in attendance at the start of the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of Dec 13 were posted. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Dec 14 were read and both were accepted on a motion by Commissioners Scarlato and McMahon, and passed by the Board.

PAYMENT OF BILLS Commissioner McMahon presented the following bills:

Point Bay Fuel Company	\$1,543.86
Verizon Wireless	94.16
Asbury Park Press	272.96
Continental Fire & Safety, Inc	130.00
NJ American Water Company	2,061.50
CIT Technology Fin. Serv, Inc	101.72
John Wright	125.00
M.E. Flemming & Sons, Inc	81.46
Raymond Equils	116.72
Robert J. Kelly	79.20
Robert Tolomei	25.00
Salvatore Scarlato	25.00
William R. Bommer	100.00
Bob's Uniform Shop, Inc	805.90
Bricktown Medical Group, PA	160.00
Joseph Gilsenan	180.00
Alpine Software Corp	1,105.44
Robert J. Kelly	276.39
Penguin Communications, LLC	30.59
American United Life Insurance Company	4,959.90
LabCorp	273.60
Fire & Safety Services, Ltd.	3,489.06
ERS Fleet Repair, Inc	594.40
Jersey Coast Fire Equipment	299.00
NJ State Fire Chief's Assoc	+ 31.00
TOTAL BILLS	\$16,961.86

The bills were paid on a motion by Commissioners Scarlato and Kelly, and passed by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS The following correspondence was sent:

VFIS of New Jersey	AUL/AIG Insurance Audits & Changes
Bricktown Medical Group, PA	Accounts Receivable

Asbury Park Press

Legal Notice – 1st Notice of Election & Nominating Petitions

Asbury Park Press

Legal Notice – 2011 Meeting Schedule

Howell Twp Municipal Clerk

Legal Notice – 2011 Meeting Schedule

Howell Fire Bureau

Legal Notice – 2011 Meeting Schedule

The following correspondence was received:

William B. McMahon, Sr.

Nominating Petition

Robert J. Kelly

Certified Check – Payment for Engine 476

Robert J. Kelly

Hold Harmless Indemnification Agreement

Fail Safe Hose Testing

Holiday Greetings & 2011 Calendar

VFIS

Newsletter

Howell BOFC-FD #1, Squankum

NJ American Water Company Fire Hydrants

Howell Fire Bureau

Executive Board Minutes – 12/16/10

NJDCA – GovConnect

Notice 12/6 and LFN2011-1

Asbury Park Press

3 Affidavits of Publication

Asbury Park Press

Account Statement

HSBC/Northern Tool Company

Credit- Check #0102609714 @ \$39.99

ERS Fleet Repair, Inc

Refund – Overpayment on Check #1467

Witmer Public Safety Group

Account Statement

Howell Fire Bureau

2010 Final Report & Inspection Reports

Richard Stalling

Medical Examination Form

VFIS of New Jersey

Credit Memo \$39.99 – Chevrolet Caprice

Motorola, Inc

Federal W-9 Form – Taxpayer Information

COMMITTEES.....

Executive Board..... Chairman Raymond Equils briefed the Board on the meeting held Dec 16, attended by himself and Alternate Gregory Scarlato. He reported the communications problems at Howell PD are being fixed with the replacement of the antenna & cable, which may already be done.

He also reported that the “Joint” 1st Notice of Election was published in the Asbury Park Press on December 15. Otherwise, routine meeting, bills paid. (see attached)

Chief’s Report..... Chief William Bommer submitted his written and percentage reports. No vehicle reports were submitted by anyone, due to the computer printed being out of ink.

He reported that Engine 475 suffered some minor damage to its’ bumper at the Lakewood-Allenwood Road structure fire. Should be repaired or replaced. Clerk Kelly stated the insurance company needs to be notified, noting collision deductible is \$1,000.00. He will also notify Fire & Safety for inspection of the damage and a quote to repair it.

Chief Bommer reported the siren is not working on Unit 466 and it is going to East Coast Emergency Lighting for what he suspects should be a warranty repair.

Chief Engineer..... Nothing was reported.

Purchaser..... Purchaser McMahon reported progress is being made on ordering the items approved at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS..... On snow removal at the firehouse, 1st Asst Chief Bob Nichols reported that OEM will be operating an Emergency Operations Center (EOP) to facilitate snow removal at fire stations and first aid squad buildings.

He then asked if the board was still interested in pursuing any grants or using a grant writer? All commissioners responded in the affirmative, but noted that the focus was lost when the generator issue went to action at the fire company level.

The board requested Chief Nichols secure a statement of charges, any retainer fees, a list of the information needed to initiate an application, and set up a phone conference for 19:30 hrs at the Feb. 7 work shop.

NEW BUSINESS As discussed and agreed at last night's workshop, Commissioners McMahon and Kelly made a motion to ask the public for approval to spend up to \$90,000.00 for a Utility Type Vehicle and Related Equipment, in a separate Public Question to be printed on the ballot for the Annual Election, to be held on February 19, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously by the board.

Following up on a second item discussed last night, Commissioners McMahon and Scarlato made a motion to send a letter to NJ American Water Company, directing them to transfer payment responsibility for the 6 fire hydrants along Maxim Road from Fire District #1 to Fire District #4. This motion was also passed unanimously by the board.

GOOD AND WELFARE Commissioner McMahon reported that Joyce Fischbach, a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary passed away from cancer last night. Rest in Peace.

Clerk Kelly reported that all of the required legal ads have been published. As for the Annual Election, he has to select the Judge and 2 Clerks, noting the stipend for them remains the same as last year.

Commissioner Scarlato asked about the lease with the fire company, to which Chairman Equils replied that nothing has come from the company to be signed. 1st Asst Chief Nichols, who is also a fire company Trustee, stated he will take care of it.

Clerk Kelly gave a report on Asbury Park Fire Captain Jason Fazio, who was critically injured in a structure fire in Asbury Park. Bailed out of a 2nd floor room after it flashed over. He has severe burns and several fractured bones. Airlifted to St. Barnabas in Livingston.

JOINT PURCHASING COMMITTEE Nothing was presented.

APPLICATIONS/TERMINATIONS Nothing was presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Stalling reported:

OPENING BALANCE	\$12,951.47
INTEREST	3.62
TRANSFER	+ 18,000.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$30,955.09
BANK SERVICE CHARGE	3.20
EXPENDITURES	- 16,961.86
SUB-TOTAL	\$13,990.03

He also reported the following balances for the Savings Account:

OPENING BALANCE	\$1,508,211.08
INTEREST	<u>+ 476.88</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,508,687.96
TRANSFER TO CHECKING	<u>- 82,000.00</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$1,426,687.96

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Commissioners Kelly and McMahon, and passed by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were two (2) chiefs, two (2) firefighters and zero (0) member of the public in attendance. Comments on agenda items were taken while the items were before the Board for action. There were no non-agenda comments offered.

ADJOURNMENT This concluded the business before the Board so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners McMahon and Kelly, and passed by the Board.

The meeting closed at 20:38 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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