

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT No. 4 — RAMTOWN
HOWELL TOWNSHIP MONMOUTH COUNTY
88 RAMTOWN-GREENVILLE RD.
HOWELL, N.J. 07731-2790

Regular Meeting January 11, 2022

Chairman Gregory Scarlato called the meeting to order at 20:20 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Scarlato read the following legal disclosure:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting its interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell, has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place, and agenda, to the extent know thereof, posted as follows:

- Published in the Asbury Park Press on November 17, 2021
- Published in the Howell Times on November 27, 2021
- Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on November 15, 2021
- Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building
- Posted on www.njfiredistricts.org

The above postings indicate that Formal Action May Be Taken.

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Scarlato, Bailey, Stalling, Romano, and Acampora all in attendance.

It was noted that there was three (3) members of the public in attendance.

Administering the Oath of Office:

Chairman Scarlato noted that at the December 2020 meeting, Commissioner Bommer submitted his resignation from the Board. At that time, the Board voted to appoint Ricky Romano to fill Commissioner Bommer's remaining term through February 2022, at which time the remaining 2-year seat for the term will be placed on the election ballot. Chairman Scarlato read the Oath of Office and swore in Commissioner Romano to the Board.

Commissioner Acampora reported that the regular workshop Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2021, were posted on the Fire Company Bulletin Board outside the meeting room at the firehouse. He then read the minutes from the regular business meeting on December 14, 2021.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded Commissioner Stalling. The motion passed unanimously by the Board.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Commissioner Bailey presented the following bills for payment for the month of January 2022:

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	Bills	Amount
1	esm	\$ 356.00
2	American uniform	\$ 96.50
3	Witmer	\$ 1,619.00
4	new jersey American water	\$ 3,778.48
5	cit	\$ 96.75
6	Greg Scarlato	\$ 26.60
7	optimum	\$ 339.22
8	netlink web services	\$ 199.00
9	Taylor oil company	\$ 444.24
10	defender	\$ 3,187.20
11	all hands fire	\$ 442.99
12	atlas welding	\$ 43.18
13	Grainger	\$ 889.24
14	Verizon wireless	\$ 380.16
15	w.g. Newberry	\$ 1,500.00
16	Greg Scarlato	\$ 42.25
17	Sendzik Sendzik	\$ 59.30
18	Sendzik Sendzik	\$ 3,388.50
19	Home Depot	\$ 404.88
20	Rich Robertiello - check adjustment	\$ 50.00
21	Shawn Brennan - clothing	\$ 60.00
	Total Bills	\$ 17,403.49

A motion was made by Clerk Acampora and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to pay the bills for December 2021. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Scarlato – Yes
Stalling - Yes
Bailey – Yes
Romano - Yes
Acampora – Yes

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS

Received

Monthly purchase report from William Newberry
Sendzik & Sendzik - Notice of Public Hearing – Budget Adoption
Notice of Election

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Notice of Special Meeting – Budget introduction
Howell Twp. Council Resolution 21-397
Email from QPA Newberry regarding outstanding purchases

Sent:
None

COMMITTEES

Joint Board Meeting

Next meeting will be on 3/3/22 at 7:30pm at station 19-2

Chief's Report

Chief Murphy submitted the call reports since the last meeting.

Chief Murphy stated that the line officers are updating the department's current COVID policy, as the CDC has recently changed their guidelines. The line officers are also reviewing the current SOGs and will present any recommendations to for changes to the Board.

Howell Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is now doing COVID-19 testing. Please contact Chief Murphy and he will contact OEM director Victor Cooke.

The Chief stated that when the new command vehicle arrives at the dealership in Cherry Hill, he would like to personally pick it up. The Board stated that they would notify the Chief when the vehicle arrives. He has notified Elite Lighting that the vehicle should be delivered in the next 45 – 60 days.

Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer Gilsenan reported the following.

Ladder 490 – no issues

Engine 475 – no issues

Engine 480 – needs a hose replaced from generator to transfer oil.

Tanker 495- no issues

Vehicle 486 – no issues

Bush 494 – no issues

Utility 487 – no issues

Vehicle 466 – no issues

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Engineer Gilsenan stated that there have been problems arising currently with the air pressure in the trucks. It seems that the current air compressor in the bays is not working

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properly and it may be time to look into replacing it. He is recommending that we have an air compressor company come in and make a recommendation as to what needs to be done. The current air compressor is over 15 years old and was just purchased at a local store and no longer suits our current needs. The Board will look at getting in touch with a vendor to obtain a quote.

Purchaser:

Chairman Scarlato sent QPA Newberry a list of outstanding equipment that has not been received yet for the new engine.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Stalling to purchase a pallet of buckets of rock salt. The motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Purchaser Bailey is going to follow-up with the vendor to determine the status of the sticker for the new SCBAs for the new engine.

TRUCK COMMITTEE:

New Engine: Chassis is due to arrive at the plant any week now.

New Command Vehicle: The vehicle is waiting to be delivered to the dealership

OLD BUSINESS:

The generator for the new Engine 474 has arrived.

Still trying to locate the bigger generator that is out of stock.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board is requesting to invite a representative from Defender Emergency Services to the February 2022 meeting to discuss the quality of service they have been providing over the past 6 – 9 months. Chief Engineer Gilsenan will contact Defender and invite them to the February 2022 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Stalling to approve Resolution 01112022-01 Resolution Establishing A Temporary Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:14-78.17. A roll call motion was taken with the following result:

Scarlato – Yes

Stalling – Yes

Bailey – Yes

Romano - Yes

Acampora – Yes

The motion passed 5 – 0 by the Board.

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GOOD AND WELFARE: None

JOINT PURCHASING COMMITTEE: None

APPLICATIONS/TERMINATIONS: None

PAYROLL: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Stalling reported the following balances for the Board's account activity for the month of January 2022:

January 2022

Operating Account

Opening Balance	\$18,252.90
Interest	\$5.56
Transfers	\$35,000.00
Transfers	
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	\$53,258.46

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Bills Paid	
Bills Paid	\$17,403.49
Bills (Radio Consulting)	\$0.00
Service Charge	\$1.20
Ending Balance	<hr/>
	\$35,853.77

Savings Account

Opening balance	\$2,805,551.31
Deposit	
Interest	\$482.42
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	\$2,806,033.73

Transfers	\$55,000.00
Ending Balance	<hr/>
	\$2,751,033.73

Payroll Account

Opening Balance	\$5,695.61
Interest	\$1.30
Transfer	\$20,000.00
ADP	
	\$25,696.91
Payroll	\$10,956.77
Fees	\$5,568.93
Fees	\$139.58
Ending Balance	\$9,031.63

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Clerk Acampora and seconded by Commissioner Bailey and passed unanimously by the Board.

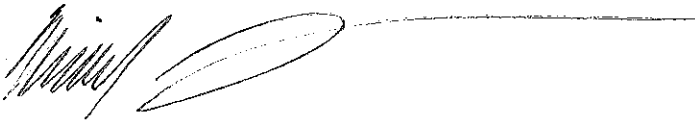
PUBLIC COMMENT: There were seven (7) members of the public in attendance at the end of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: This concluded the business before the Board and a motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Clerk Acampora to close the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The meeting closed at 20:55 hours.

Respectfully submitted:



Michael L. Acampora
Clerk