

**Jackson Township
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Monthly Business Meeting
March 8, 2010

The regular business meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #1 was held at 81 South Hope Chapel Road on March 8, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM by President Johnson. In attendance were Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Flemming III, Commissioner Redington and Commissioner Flemming IV and Commissioner Blasi. Also in attendance were Board Attorney Robert Tully and Chief Rauch.

The minutes of the February 2010 meeting were read and approved with the following correction:

Commissioner Flemming noted an error in the final treasurer's figure for total assets. The original figure is stated as \$633,828.44. The correct figure should read \$639,828.44.

A motion to accept the corrected minutes was made by Commissioner Flemming III and seconded by Commissioner Flemming IV.

Without further discussion a vote was called,

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Johnson	X			
Commissioner Flemming IV	X			
Commissioner Redington	X			
Commissioner Flemming III	X			
Commissioner Blasi	X			

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Rich Green Lawns submitted a contract proposal for the 2010 lawn maintenance. \$365.00 After a brief discussion this contract proposal was accepted.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Total Fires	33
In District	16
Out of District	16
Drills	1

Two new portable radios are received, one issued to Capt. Johnson (5720) and one issued to Lt. Flemming (5730). Of the two older models, one was placed in 5705 and the other in the equipment closet.

Two new mobile radios are also received, one installed in 5701 and the other in 5705. The broadcast identification numbers are reversed, the install will return to correct this issue. Head sets and KNOX box to be attached with further installation procedures.

The Landing Zone (LZ) radio was also moved for better use.

Chief Rauch attended Reverse 911 training at Ocean County.

Advanced Air returned to complete the 2nd P&M on the breathing air compressor. During that service we failed the "moisture check". A problem with the filters was discovered. Air samples were taken and the filter was replaced. At Advanced Air's suggestion, all breathing air cylinders were emptied and re-filled. The air samples came back "OK" and use continued without interruption. A air leak was discovered in Bank #4 and a bad gauge on the panel. Will keep a continuing check on air filters.

5 new breathing cylinders are ordered and 10 are sent out for hydro testing.

Advanced Air has agreed to include the fill station on 5701 into this year's service contract for the station air system at the rate of 1 hour service time.

Vehicles 5700 and 5710

No issues.

5701

Roll up door scratches are getting worse.
Bad batteries were found on the 18Volt reciprocating saw and replaced.

5705, 5708, 5709

No new issues.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5701 on board air system problem with bank #3 is repaired.

5705 right front tire, low air problem resolved.

5708 radiator still leaking (minor) and still not yet repaired.

Truck bay furnace squeeling, loose belt found and serviced by Elite H&AC.

Received annual service contracts for hydraulic tools, ladder testing and air system (building and 5701). Each of these service contracts were reviewed and discussed.

Service contract proposal received for hydraulic rescue tools.

\$695.00 for the first unit

\$575.00 for each additional unit

Service contract proposal received for hose and ladder testing.

\$2432.79

Service contract proposal received for air system.

\$964.54

Does this include 5701? Can 5701 be added and for how much?

Chief Rauch will contact the vendor.

After discussions of each of the service contracts a motion was made by Commissioner Flemming III to accept each service contracts. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Blasi.

Without further discussion a vote was called.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Johnson	X			
Commissioner Flemming IV	X			
Commissioner Redington	X			
Commissioner Flemming III	X			
Commissioner Blasi	X			

NEW BUSINESS

LOSAP

A representative of VALIC, Eric Anderson, attended this Board meeting. A review of the current LOSAP program now in use here at District #1 needs to be updated and instituted. After hearing from Joe Daut, the current administrator of the “in-place” LOSAP system, VFIS and Valic, the Board has decided to contract with Valic to be the administrator of the District’s LOSAP program.

After further discussion with Mr. Anderson, several items were discussed that need to be reviewed and acted upon.

1. Finalization of 2009’s LOSAP payment and account earnings to the current members.
2. The current LOSAP system is to be terminated this year and the new system enacted with Valic as soon as possible.
3. The new system will assure the Board’s program will follow all state regulations including bonding of the administering agency and it’s members (Valic).
4. All pay outs shall go through Valic.
5. A new “point system” will be instituted for a more well rounded membership.
6. A letter is to be sent to Joe Daut informing him that he is to turn over all current LOSAP operational documents, deposits, bank records ect. to the Board on or before March 22, 2010.

A resolution (2010-04) is presented and adopted by the Board awarding the LOSAP program to Valic.

Commissioner Blasi and Fire Chief Rauch will have the new point system available for review at the April meeting.

Board Attorney Tully will review the resolution and operating conditions between the Board and Valic and have that review available at the April meeting.

2010 Election

The 2010 election went without incident.

- Candidate Redington ran unopposed and won a three year seat on the Board receiving 39 votes (0 write in ballots cast).
- Question #1 (Budget) passed (35 yes 4 no).
- Question #2 (Building Renovations) passed (35 yes 4 no).
- A total of 39 votes were cast in District #1.

Re-Organization

After a short discussion all commissioners agreed to keep the current format of office assignments.

Commissioner Redington made a motion that the Board Secretary cast a single vote for Dave Johnson President; Martin Flemming III Vice President; Robert Redington Jr. Secretary; Martin Flemming III Treasurer and Glenn Blasi Commissioner at Large. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blasi.

Without further discussion a vote was called.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Johnson	X			
Commissioner Flemming IV	X			
Commissioner Redington	X			
Commissioner Flemming III	X			
Commissioner Blasi	X			

TREASURERS REPORT

CK#	Date	Payee	Use	Vcr#	Amount
7098	02/23/10	VFIS	Acc/Health Ins	5132	5723.00
7099	03/08/10	JCP&L	Electric Svc	5133	661.72
7100	03/08/10	NJNG	Gas Svc	5134	489.64
7101	03/08/10	Verizon	Phone Svc	5135	87.60
7102	03/08/10	AT&T	Phone Svc	5136	109.95
7103	03/08/10	Elite Petroleum	Building Fuel	5137	804.86
7104	03/08/10	EJ Schouster	Office Expenses	5138	70.14
7105	03/08/10	NJ Dep Comm Aff	Fire Ins	5139	250.00
7106	03/08/10	VFIS	Umbrella In Pol	5140	1491.37
Total					9688.28

Harmony Bank	(\$ 15,013.48)
Transfer from Cash Mngmt	<u>50,000.00</u>
	34,986.52
Checks 7098-7106	<u>9,688.28</u>
	25,298.24
NJ Cash Management	426,872.57
The Bank CD	<u>178,080.92</u>
	630,251.73

A motion to authorize payment of funds to these services and materials was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Flemming III.

Without further discussion a vote was called.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Commissioner Johnson	X			
Commissioner Flemming IV	X			
Commissioner Redington	X			
Commissioner Flemming	X			
Commissioner Blasi	X			

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 5, 2010 at 8:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Next meeting: April 12, 2010

Robert R Redington Jr
Secretary for the Board of Fire Commissioners District #1