

January 12, 2022

**Town Hall
1766 Union Avenue, 2nd Floor
Hazlet, NJ 07730**

The **REGULAR MEETING** was opened by **Vice Chairman C. Schroeck** at 7:31PM. **Vice Chairman C. Schroeck** led the **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**, followed by a **MOMENT OF SILENCE**. **Vice Chairman C. Schroeck** read the following statement:

In compliance with the **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT** of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner:

On December 14, 2021, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at Town Hall, 1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, NJ;

On December 30, 2021 advance written notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press; and
On December 30, 2021, copies of the advance written notice were mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice.

I direct the Fire District Clerk to enter into the minutes this announcement and the advance written notice of this meeting.

Vice Chairman C. Schroeck called for a ROLL CALL:

Commissioner J. Schroeck	- PRESENT
Commissioner C. Schroeck	- PRESENT
Commissioner Lopez	- PRESENT
Commissioner Parleman	- ABSENT
Commissioner Sheldrick	- PRESENT
Rich Braslow	- PRESENT (Virtual)
Neil Braslow	- ABSENT
Michelle Barney, QPA	- PRESENT
Frank Oliva, Jr., Secretary	- PRESENT
Tom Horner, Fire Official	- PRESENT
Chief Steve Schmidt	- PRESENT

Also Present:

Craig Spirko - 2nd Asst. Chief

A MOTION to APPROVE the WORKSHOP and REGULAR MINUTES of the December 15, 2021 MEETING was offered by Commissioner J. Schroeck and seconded by Commissioner Sheldrick.

All voted in favor. No Oppose

CORRESPONDENCE

Comp. survey given to Comm. C. Schroeck.

OLD BUSINESS

Beneficiary insurance forms to be updated if necessary to avoid any incidents if needed to submit to the insurance company. A waiver will be signed stating they saw and / or changed if necessary.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Sheldrick submitted the **ATTACHED FINANCIAL REPORTS** indicating account balances. Commissioner J. Schroeck **MOVED THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE APPROVED**. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL voted in favor, Commissioner Sheldrick abstained.

Commissioner Sheldrick presented the **ATTACHED LIST of OPERATING ACCOUNT and FIRE BUREAU BILLS TO BE PAID**. Commissioner J. Schroeck moved the **OPERATING BILLS and FIRE BUREAU BILLS BE PAID**. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. **ALL voted in Favor.**

REQUISITIONS

- No requisitions at this time.

CHIEFS

Township Chief Pat Wood

No representation

1st Assistant Chief Patrick Wood

No representation

2nd Assistant Chief Craig Spirko

- 1/16 meeting to go over training for the upcoming year and bring it up at the next Board of Chiefs meeting.

FIRE OFFICIAL THOMAS HORNER

- 2021 Totals – Life Hazard – 190, Non-Life Hazard – 709, Total 899.
- Inspections – CCO 429, Numerous Food Truck Inspections, 6 structure fires, Numerous open burning complaints Annual Fire works stand by and followed up on many alarm issues during calls.
- Anchor Care fire watch will be in place 1/13 Thursday morning
- Costco checks were received and handed out.
- Panera Bread opening TBD

FIRST AID – STEVE SCHMIDT

- Oxygen machine is working.
- Covid calls – 64 in the first 7 days of January.
- Need Members

NEW BUSINESS

New Certificates will be gone through by the Board.

NEW APPLICATIONS

NONE

AT THIS POINT (7:46pm) the MEETING WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

- Michael Storks, 91 5th Street, WK, Aug. 17, 2021 social media post, comments were removed. Wanted to know why? The Board and attorney elaborated on the social media Facebook page and answered his question.
- What are the monthly expenses for the new office space? The space is a lease with an option to buy. Michelle gave all the monthly expenses. Michelle offered to show Michael around the building and did so.
- Asked what the Comms. Salaries were last year. Michelle provided that information. Michelle elaborated further on this.

- Asked about not having an agenda posted before any meeting. Asked if this can change going forward. The attorney noted that the agenda can be posted to the web site prior to the monthly meetings.

AT THIS POINT (8:00pm) the MEETING WAS PAUSED TO THE PUBLIC AND THE BUDGET HEARING WAS OPENED.

Commissioner Lopez MOVED THE Budget Hearing be opened. Commissioner J. Schroeck seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL voted in favor, Yes

Michelle noted that the budget was approved by the state.

Any questions regarding the budget?

Michael Storks, 91 5th Street, WK asked if any board members ever voted No to any proposals? The Board elaborated. He does not agree with the \$150,000 purchase of the office and voiced his opinion.

Asked if the OEM car is going back to the Town?

Asked about the First Aid Squad receiving any additional monies from the Board? Would like to see the First Aid get more money in the future.

Asked about HFC possibly getting a new Tower Ladder truck.

Asked about how much money is put away for Capital purchase.

The Board answered and elaborated all questions.

AT THIS POINT (8:18pm) the MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE BUDGET HEARING

Commissioner J. Schroeck MOVED THE Budget Hearing be CLOSED, Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL voted in favor, Yes

RESOLUTIONS

Adopt the Budget for 2022.

Commissioner J. Schroeck MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET BE APPROVED. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL voted in favor, YES

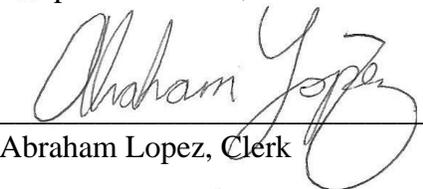
Meeting is scheduled to meet with the Presidents of each company for February 9, at 6:30pm.

At this point (8:20pm) Commissioner J. Schroeck MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

The next scheduled workshop meeting is February 9, 2022 , starting at 6:30 pm.



Joseph J. Schroeck, Vice Chairman



Abraham Lopez, Clerk