

April 13, 2022

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

The **REGULAR MEETING** was opened by **Vice Chairman Schroeck** at 7:31PM. **Vice Chairman Schroeck** led the **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**, followed by a **MOMENT OF SILENCE**. **Vice Chairman 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 Schroeck called for a ROLL CALL:

Commissioner J. Schroeck	- PRESENT
Commissioner C. Schroeck	- PRESENT
Commissioner Lopez	- ABSENT
Commissioner Parleman	- ABSENT
Commissioner Sheldrick	- PRESENT
Rich Braslow	- PRESENT (via zoom)
Neil Braslow	- PRESENT (via zoom)
Michelle Barney, QPA	- PRESENT
Frank Oliva, Jr., Secretary	- PRESENT

Also Present:

Pat Wood	- Township Chief
Edward Schmidt, Jr.	- 1 st Asst. Chief
Craig Spirko	- 2 nd Asst. Chief

A MOTION to APPROVE the WORKSHOP, REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES of the March 9, 2022 MEETING was offered by Commissioner J. J. Schroeck and seconded by Commissioner Sheldrick.

All voted in favor. No Oppose

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- Request for mileage, license plate numbers and VIN # is in progress.
- 2022 Beneficiary forms have not been submitted to the district office, therefore only the forms that are filed will be honored by the insurance company.
- Comm. JC Schroeck has 3 vehicle registrations to be given out.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Sheldrick submitted the **ATTACHED FINANCIAL REPORTS** indicating account balances. Commissioner J.J. Schroeck **MOVED THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE APPROVED.** Comm. JC Schroeck 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.J. Schroeck moved the **OPERATING BILLS and FIRE BUREAU BILLS BE PAID.** Commissioner JC Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL voted in Favor.**

REQUISITIONS

- Comm. Sheldrick asked all chiefs and their representatives to submit all equipment and PPE requisitions as soon as possible.
- Meeting set for June 7th at 7pm with all 3 fire companies to be held at the district office to go over the 2023 budget.

CHIEFS

Township Chief Pat Wood

- PM on 2-78 is complete.
- Once minor repairs are made, 2-79 will be going to Fire and Safety for the generator repair.
- 2-85 generator still not in and the chief was told it will take at least another 8 weeks.
- Ladder PM to be scheduled for July.
- Application process needs to be cleaned up. Lengthy discussion regarding the process.
- Everything that could be was purchased. There is currently a 12-week turnaround for PPE.
- Waiting for programming chips for the current radios from M&W. The issue is with Motorola. An email was sent but still have not received any response.
- Regarding the status of recommendations from the insurance company. Is there any update?
- Fit test machine, is the Board purchasing a new machine?
- Have the commissioners discussed whether they are going to purchase the quick connect for the bottles to be able to fill bottles quicker?
- Questioned regarding what steps are to be taken to submit applications? Comm. JC Schroeck explained how the district is trying to streamline the process. Lengthy discussion followed.

1st Assistant Chief Edward Schmidt, Jr.

- Asked about the application for the new member coming in. Why should he have to wait another month due to the medical/testing processes mishap. The Board will not accept any applications with any information that is pending. Discussion followed. The Board mentioned that another meeting will occur before the May meeting and this can be discussed.
- 3-81 PM is complete.
- 3-80 tires were replaced.
- Boat to be in the water next week.

2nd Assistant Chief Craig Spirko

- Thanked everyone that came out to Anthony Kozielski's memorial service.
- Purchasing requisitions have been submitted to Michelle.

FIRE OFFICIAL THOMAS HORNER

- CCO = 116 year to date
- Comm = 199 year to date
- Buccaboos and Panera Bread to open soon.
- Shop Rite on Rt. 36 to have additional storage units
- Faith reform church is fully sprinklered.
- Have had several calls regarding burning brush in their yards.

FIRST AID – STEVE SCHMIDT

- No Representation

NEW BUSINESS

- Please schedule your PM and required testing PO's.
- The procedure for the Fit Testing machine should be followed, saying that the machine should be picked up and returned to Michelle and signed out by the individual.
- Insurance Company audited the Board on District policy. Chief JC Schroeck elaborated.
- Chief Wood asked if the policies can be discussed with the Chiefs and Presidents before adoption and before it is brought out to the public.

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Sheldrick **MOVED TO ADOPT THE PROCEDURE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS**, J.C. Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.** No Oppose

Commissioner Sheldrick **MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION 2022-004 TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION** and **Resolution 2022-005 TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THE COAST GUARD.**

J.C. Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.** No Oppose

NEW APPLICATIONS

1 applicant, B. Fentiman is being denied due to board policy, and will be discussed in closed session.

AT THIS POINT (8:21pm) the MEETING WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW, EACH MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN A MAXIMUM OF 3 MINUTES TO SPEAK.

Matthew Schmidt, WK,

- Mentioned that the Town Council meeting allows 5 minutes for each public speaker and this meeting is only allowing 3 minutes. The Board explained why.
- Why are the 2 attorneys allowed to be virtual? **NO COMMENT**

Michael Storcks, WK,

- Asked about the resolution 2022-001 if there was a clerical error? **NO COMMENT.**
- Asked the attorney about his Facebook post from earlier in the year that was censored, **NO COMMENT**
- Resolution 2022-005 was not on the agenda for tonight's meeting. The public was not aware of this. Michelle answered that it was decided in the Workshop.
- Social media policy? **DULY NOTED.**
- The board wants public comments and when questions are asked you do not answer. I do not understand.

Allowed Time elapsed.

AT THIS POINT (8:28pm) the MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

AT THIS POINT (8:29pm), Commissioner J.C. Schroeck **MOVED TO GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Commissioner Sheldrick seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.**

AT THIS POINT (10:30pm) The Board came out of Executive Session. The regular meeting resumed. The new application for B. Fentiman is considered pending. The Board has opened an inquiry for the applicant.

At this point (10:36pm) Commissioner Sheldrick **MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**, Commissioner J.J. Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.**

The next scheduled workshop meeting is May 11, 2022, starting at 6:30 pm.



Joseph C. Schroeck, Vice Chairman

Joseph J. Schroeck, Acting Clerk