

April 14, 2021

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON FOR BOARD AND CHIEFS
ALSO, VIRTUALLY FOR ALL OTHERS**

**North Centerville Volunteer Fire Company
372 Middle Road
Hazlet, NJ 07730**

The **REGULAR MEETING** was opened by **Chairman Parleman** at 7:34 PM. **Chairman Parleman** led the **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**, followed by a **MOMENT OF SILENCE**. **Chairman Parleman** 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 2, 2020, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at Town Hall, 1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, NJ;

On December 2, 2020, advance written notice of this meeting was sent to the Newark Star Ledger and the Asbury Park Press; and

On December 2, 2020, copies of the advance written notice were mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice.

On April 27, 2021, advance written notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press.

ALSO:

On April 12, 2021, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the Board website in compliance with the DCA.

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

Chairman Parleman called for a **ROLL CALL**:

Commissioner Preston	- PRESENT
Commissioner Parleman	- PRESENT
Commissioner Schroeck	- PRESENT
Commissioner Lopez	- ABSENT
Commissioner Sheldrick	- PRESENT
Rich Braslow	- PRESENT (Virtual)
Neil Braslow	- PRESENT (Virtual)
Michelle Barney, QPA	- PRESENT
Frank Oliva, Jr., Secretary	- ABSENT
Carol Sheldrick, Alt. Secretary	- PRESENT
Tom Horner, Fire Official	- PRESENT
Steve Schmidt, First Aid	- PRESENT (Virtual)

Also Present:

Chris Alcott	- Township Chief
Patrick Wood	- 1st Assistant Chief
Edward Schmidt	- 2 nd Assistant Chief
Bill McCarron	- Captain WKFC

A MOTION to APPROVE the WORKSHOP and REGULAR MINUTES of the March 10, 2021 MEETING was offered by Commissioner Schroeck and seconded by Commissioner Sheldrick
All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter regarding the accident was received for the accident on Rt. 36. Email copy to each Chief

OLD BUSINESS

- A meeting needs to be scheduled with the 3 chiefs to discuss the need for all officers to have Driver Training on all apparatus and Pump Ops class.
- Boat Purchase – Comm. Sheldrick and members to visit vendor in Florida to assess the progress.
- Storage cabinet in Chiefs vehicles
- Training Update – Sign sheets for training – BBP – Driver Operator lists
- Discussion followed - meeting Thursday April 29, 7pm at NCVFC to discuss.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Verizon bill updated, 4 SIM cards removed

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

REQUISITIONS

All vendors have been providing extended delivery times, the chiefs should start putting their quotes together for any equipment needed as soon as they can.

CHIEFS

Township Chief Christopher Alcott

- 1-90 is still in service. Vendor cancelled twice.
- Work on 1-76 was completed today 4/14.
- Still waiting to receive orders placed.
- Hose and ladder testing is scheduled for June 29-30 – Pump testing to be scheduled possibly in May
- Seagrave to complete a diagnostic service for repairs on Ladder, waiting for results.

1st Assistant Chief Patrick Wood

- Engine maintained
- Gear requested
- Hazlet PD would like to use the Fit Test machine
- N-95 test machine received.

2nd Assistant Chief Edward Schmidt

- 3-81 – generator is overheating, will be sent to Fire and Safety for repair.
- Coolant leak on 3-80, radiator was replaced.
- Tools mounted.

All fixed assets information are still waiting to be received by the board to be given to the Auditor. Michelle can assist anyone who needs help.

FIRE OFFICIAL THOMAS HORNER

- Contacted Knox Box, master key is not needed.
- Smoke detectors are being given out again, 10 year warranty.
- NJ American water did not install hydrant at main buildings for new construction, apartments on highway 36. Tom, is in contact with them to move forward with these connections
- Old Shop Rite – Storage units proposal to Land Use Board. Repaving the parking lot.
- Budget purchase – 2nd vehicle request for Fire Prevention– Explorer type vehicle.

FIRST AID – STEVE SCHMIDT

- Still working on purchase orders- equipment outstanding from 2020 purchase.
- New ambulance is still not in service
- Did go to the South Jersey fire
- Still handling first aid calls

RESOLUTIONS

NONE

NEW APPLICATIONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Random Testing will continue- discussion regarding random testing and the legalization of cannabis/marijuana usage and how it pertains to the district, first responders, and current substance policy. The attorney's advised the board on the new random testing for substance and how it effects the employer and employee. A discussion followed with the Chiefs, Chief Wood shared a lot of information regarding his training as a police officer and detection of cannabis and how the police need to proceed. The Chiefs requested the Board stay with a Zero Tolerance for all substances, including cannabis/marijuana. The Board will continue to discuss the laws and how they apply to first responders, and the federal law and how it may apply to the district. No change in policy has been made at this time.

The Board agreed to extend meetings to be held at NCVFC for May, June, July and August.

A MOTION to APPROVE the above request was offered by Commissioner Sheldrick and seconded by Commissioner Preston.

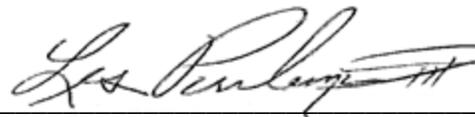
All voted in favor.

Secretary Oliva to look into making recruitment cards for new members.

AT THIS POINT (8:37pm) the MEETING WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

AT THIS POINT (8:38pm) the MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

At this point (8:41pm) Commissioner Sheldrick MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, Commissioner Preston seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.**



Leslie Parleman, III, Chairman



Joseph Schroeck, Clerk