May 12, 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 **WORKSHOP MEETING** was opened by **Chairman Parleman** at **6:38PM**. **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 February 20, 2021, written notice of location of meeting change was sent to the Asbury Park Press and Newark Star Ledger.

ALSO:

On May 6, 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 Schroeck	- PRESENT
Commissioner Lopez	- PRESENT
Commissioner Parleman	- PRESENT
Commissioner Sheldrick	- PRESENT
Rich Braslow	- PRESENT (Virtual)
Neil Braslow	- PRESENT (Virtual)
Michelle Barney, QPA	- PRESENT
Frank Oliva, Jr., Secretary	- PRESENT

(1) **OFFICE SPACE:**

The Board purchased space at 812 Poole Avenue. Rich Braslow spoke about the specifics of the contract, as this is an as-is purchase. Comm. Preston has reservations regarding the move. Discussion followed. Rich Braslow to contact the attorney for the building to discuss various bullet points on the current lease/contract. Michelle will be included in that conversation. The Board, pending the final review of the lease and recommendations from Rich of the call with the building's attorney, will decide at that point the next steps to take.

(2) CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING - UPDATE:

Not all Certificates were submitted to the Board. Waiting for the sign-in sheets for the yearly classes that were attended for RTK, BBP, Fit Test. Haz-Mat training is still not scheduled. Fire police Oath to be taken at the same time for all companies.

Driver Training/Pump Operations Training - lengthy discussion was had. Will have a draft at the July board meeting of the training request for all to review.

(3) SUBSTANCE POLICY

The Board agreed to keep the current policy in place.

(4) LOSAP ELIGIBILITY

Michelle spoke about this topic and as per state law, you need to have 5 years to be vested in the plan. Will table for the June meeting.

(5) **BOAT PURCHASE**

A decision as to who will be attending the overview of the boat in Florida. Agreed was to have 2 Board members and three members from WKFC.

(6) FIXED ASSETS

Need HFC and WKFC to submit their report. NCVFC has submitted their report.

(7) VFIS LAWSUIT LETTER

A letter has been received and Rich Braslow will speak to the attorney. A letter from the Workers Comp on a separate matter was discussed.

(8) HFC AERIAL REPAIR

Comm. Sheldrick has not heard from Chief Alcott.

(9) REQUEST FOR A FIRE OFFICIAL VEHICLE

A discussion was had as to the vehicle to purchase, this will be done in 2022.

(10) INSURANCE RENEWAL QUESTIONNAIRE

This needed to be submitted by May 7. The questionnaire will be filled in and submitted to the insurance company within the next week The Board feels that there should be a sit down meeting with the Insurance person/people who are handling the account.

All commissioners need to provide their financial disclosures.

Comm. Schroeck **MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**, Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

The next scheduled workshop meeting is June 9, 2021 at 6:30pm.

This meeting will be held at NCVFC, 372 Middle Road, Hazlet, NJ. **Social distancing will be in place due to Covid 19, and masks must be worn at all times. Stay safe.

Leslie Parleman, III, Chairman

Joseph Schroeck, Clerk