

August 10, 2022

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

The **REGULAR MEETING** was opened by **Chairman Parleman** at **7:31PM**. **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 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.

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

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

Also Present:

Pat Wood	- Township Chief
Capt. William McCarron	- for 1st Asst. Chief Edward Schmidt
Thomas Horner	- Fire Official
Steve Schmidt	- First Aid

A MOTION to APPROVE the MINUTES of the Executive Session meeting held on July 11 and the **WORKSHOP, REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE** July 13, 2022 MEETING was offered by Commissioner JC Schroeck and seconded by Commissioner JJ Schroeck. **All voted in favor.**

AT THIS POINT (7:34pm), Commissioner JC Schroeck **MOVED TO GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Commissioner JJ. Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.**

AT THIS POINT (7:52pm), Commissioner Sheldrick **MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Commissioner JJ. Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.**

The regular meeting was resumed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter received from Talent Investment thanking and complimenting the firefighters and Tom Horner for response to a fire at that location.
- Recalls- Comm. JJ Schroeck will make sure they are given to the correct Chiefs for the vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Parleman read a letter from the auditor praising the good work that the Hazlet Fire District has done this year. Michelle is working directly with the Auditor, receiving an email commending herself and Tom Furlong for their excellent work, Michelle also informed the board that working with the Auditor is reviewing individual line items and questioning items purchased, amount spent, etc. Comm. JC Schroeck asked the attorney if this is normal, Rich stated the State of NJ is becoming more strict with the oversight of audits, that DCA is strictly enforcing, that recommendations are being followed through, and also stated as a district we are far ahead of many others in the state with audit reviews.

American rescue grant - no progress in receiving the needed UEI number, Michelle attended an informative webinar on the grant and most districts are having an issue filing for this grant. It is a match-based grant, and the district would need to know exactly what they wanted to buy up to \$75,000. Unfortunately, with these issues we will not be able to file this year.

Comm. JC Schroeck mentioned that last month it was asked of all the companies to submit any outstanding training reports, drivers' licenses of all personnel that will drive any apparatus so that it can all be logged in.

The Fit Test machine should be back to Michelle so that the Board can send out to get calibrated and have ready for next year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Sheldrick presented the **ATTACHED FINANCIAL REPORTS** indicating account balances. Submitted by, Commissioner JC Schroeck **MOVED THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE APPROVED**. Commissioner JJ Schroeck seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL voted in favor. Commissioner Sheldrick - Abstain

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

REQUISITIONS

- No current open requisitions.
- Grant Money orders – WKFC and HFC.
- No further equipment orders

CHIEFS

Township Chief Pat Wood

- Hose testing and ladder was completed at the end of last month. Possibly tested 1 apparatus was tested incorrectly, and Chief Wood sent a letter to have it re-tested.
- Chief Wood mentioned that the fire ground frequency that has been used for the past 12 years was a wrong number according to the FCC, according to the license on file. County to come in next week with the programming keys for NCVFC and will be going to look at them and over the course of the next month will be looking into the other keys the radios will be re-programmed with the correct number.

Capt. William McCarron for 1st Assistant Chief Edward Schmidt, Jr.

- 3-81 issue with the pump testing.
- When the Fit Test machine comes back can the Board investigate updating the program for the computers, the data base.

2nd Assistant Chief Craig Spirko

No report

FIRE OFFICIAL THOMAS HORNER

- CCO = year to date 314
- Comm. Year to date = 500
- 2nd phase of the self-storage facility at the old Shop Rite was approved. Elaborated on the updates.
- Holiday will be eventually changing the entire fire system.

FIRST AID – STEVE SCHMIDT

- Not much going on, Covid is still here.
- Will be getting ready for the monkey pox.

NEW BUSINESS

State healthcare cost will be increasing by 22%. Would like the Board to adopt a resolution to oppose the increase.

Sign on Union Ave and Middle Rd will have information for becoming a volunteer to the Emergency Services.

Need to have a meeting with the chiefs to go over the budget, between September 6- 13

RESOLUTIONS

2022-014 Closed Session

Commissioner JJ Schroeck **MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RESOLUTION.** Commissioner Sheldrick seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.** No Oppose

2022-015 Resolution opposing the SHBP increase

Commissioner JJ Schroeck **MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE RESOLUTION.** Commissioner Sheldrick seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.** No Oppose

Member and Applicant Criteria

Commissioner JC Schroeck **MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MOTION.** Commissioner JJ Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.** YES No Oppose

NEW APPLICATIONS

• **Aidan Mulvey – WKFC**

Commissioner JC Schroeck **MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MOTION.** Commissioner JJ Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.** No Oppose

Jesse Zupko – HFC

Commissioner Sheldrick **MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MOTION.** Commissioner JC Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.** No Oppose

Frederico Morales – NCVFC

Commissioner JC Schroeck **MOVED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE MOTION.** Commissioner JJ Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.** No Oppose

**AT THIS POINT (8:18pm) 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.**

William McCarron, 46 7th Street, Hazlet – Speaking on behalf of the WKFC, would like clarification as to why 2 new members were brought into Closed Session as it is not in the policy. Comm. Parleman mentioned that they were just congratulated.

Matt Schmidt, 55 2nd Street, Hazlet, what is the reason for Comm. Sheldrick to be virtual and not the public. Comm. Parleman answered that he needed to be at this meeting for some business that he needed to be involved with. The public can attend the meeting if they wanted to.

Michael Storks, 91 5th Street, Hazlet, congratulated Michelle on a good job with the minutes, Michelle replied that she did not do the minutes, but still noted that a good job was done by whoever did them. It was written that Comm. Parleman was berated by Mr. Storks, what was said was the Secretary berated Mr. Storks and that it should be on record. It was not put in the minutes that Mr. Storks was called outside by Comm. Parleman during a public meeting, just want that on record as well.

Has the social media policy been modified? Comm. Parleman tried to reply but Mr. Storks cut him short by mentioning that he didn't want any issues and didn't want to get called outside.

Any updates on recruitment and retention? Its good to see the sign outside trying to get new members. Its still a drop in the bucket. Its good to see a couple new members, cadets and other firemen that are already active. When was the last time the ISO assessment was done? Any idea what the rating is now? Membership carries a large amount of points when it comes to updating the ISO records. The Board raised taxes, gave yourselves raises, moved out of Town Hall, incurred monthly bills, which the bills were not available to us up until a couple minutes ago, just want to make a note of that, before you went into Closed Session or behind your desk like last month, sounds like you are trying to keep taxpayer money, are you speaking of taxpayer money or involvement in decisions, you are pushing yourselves away and business away from the public with every move you guys make, are you guys up there for the residents and district, or for yourselves. That's all I have to say, thank you.

Michelle noted that the list of bills are put out after they are approved, not before.

Mr. Storks mentioned that the administrative clerk said that you were not allowed to do virtual.

Rich Braslow noted that the DCA issued a memo for all public entities, that said that there is no longer a state of emergency so that they would not like meetings to be held virtually. That is all I can say.

Mr. Storks noted that the email to Jason Martucci left it open, to me unless I am interpreting it incorrectly. He also noted that Michelle said it was illegal, but Michelle noted that she did not say illegal but not allowed. The Board agreed to have Mr. Braslow contact Mr. Martucci for clarification.

AT THIS POINT (8:27pm) the MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

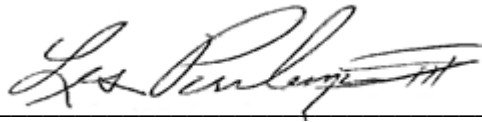
AT THIS POINT (8:28pm), Commissioner JC MOVED TO GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION,
Commissioner JJ. Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.**

AT THIS POINT (10:34pm) THE BOARD CAME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

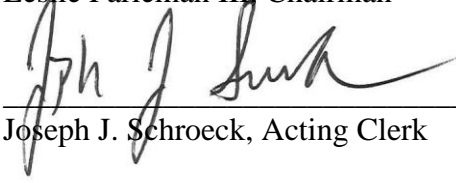
Commissioner JC Schroeck **MOVED TO APPROVE Coming out of Executive Session.** Comm. JJ Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.** No Oppose

At this point (10:35pm) Commissioner Sheldrick MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED,
Commissioner JC Schroeck seconded the motion. **ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.**

The next scheduled workshop meeting is September 14, 2022, starting at 6:30 pm.



Leslie Parleman III, Chairman



Joseph J. Schroeck, Acting Clerk