August 10, 2022

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

The WORKSHOP MEETING was opened by Chairman Parleman at 6:37PM. Chairman Parleman led the PLEDGE TO THE FLAG, followed by a MOMENT OF SILENCE.

Rich Braslow read the opening statement to start the meeting.

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

(1) FIRE OFFICIAL VEHICLE

New delivery date is 10/28, however delivery date is not guaranteed. VIN# Has been assigned. Michelle reported as per her contact with Winner Ford.

(2) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM TALENT INVESTMENT

- Letter received thanking and complimenting the firefighters and Tom Horner for response to a fire at that location, Les read the letter in workshop.
- Recalls- Comm. JJ Schroeck will make sure they are given to the correct Chiefs for the vehicles.
- State Health Benefits- Michelle received letter stating significant increase of 22%, NJ league of municipalities is asking all municipalities, special districts to adopt a resolution opposing this increase and forward to them and the governor. The Board agreed to adopt the resolution.

(3) AUDIT UPDATE

Michelle is working directly with the Auditor, receiving an email commending herself and Tom Furlong for their excellent work, Les read the email during the workshop. 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..

(4) AMERICAN RESCUE GRANT UPDATE

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.

(5) FUTURE CAPITAL PURCHASES

Future Capital Purchases- will be discussed in closed session.

(6) TEMPORARY FIRE OFFICIAL

Michelle informed the board to appoint a resolution is needed. Will be discussed in closed session- personnel

At this point (6:37pm) Commissioner JJ Schroeck MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, Commissioner JC Schroeck seconded the motion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

Leslie Parleman III, Chairman

Joseph J. Schroeck, Acting Clerk