

October 11, 2023

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

The **REGULAR MEETING** was opened by Chairman Les Parleman at 8:32pm. Chairman Parleman led the pledge to the flag, followed by a moment of silence by those affected by the recent massacres.

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 19, 2022, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at Town Hall, 1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, NJ;

On December 22, 2022, advance written notice of this meeting was sent to the Newark Star Ledger and the Asbury Park Press; and

On December 19, 2022, copies of the advance written notice were mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice.

Chairman Parleman directed Commissioner Storcks to enter into the minutes: this announcement and the advance written notice of this meeting.

Chairman Parleman called for a ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Parleman	- Present
Commissioner Schroeck J C	- Present
Commissioner Schroeck J. J.	- Present (Via Google Meet)
Commissioner Sheldrick	- Present
Commissioner Storcks	- Present
Melanie Appleby- Attorney	- Present
Michelle Barney, QPA	- Present

Also Present:

Edward Schmidt, Twp Chief	- Present
Craig Spirko, 1 st Asst. Chief	- Absent
Robert Steiner, 2 nd Asst Chief	- Present
Tom Horner, Fire Official	- Present
Steve Schmidt - First Aid Chief	- Present

A MOTION to approve the September 13, 2023 workshop, regular, and executive

session minutes was offered by Commissioner Sheldrick, seconded by Commissioner J.C. Schroeck

All in Favor

CORRESPONDENCE- None

OLD BUSINESS- None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Sheldrick submitted the attached financial reports indicating the account balances.

A motion to approve financial report offered by Commissioner Storcks, seconded by Commissioner J.C. Schroeck.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Parleman	- Yes
Commissioner J.C. Schroeck	- Yes
Commissioner J.J. Schroeck	- Yes
Commissioner Sheldrick	- Abstain
Commissioner Storcks	- Yes

Commissioner Sheldrick presented the attached list of operating account and fire bureau bills to be paid. There are adequate funds to pay the bills.

A motion to approve the bills to be paid offered by Commissioner J.C. Schroeck, seconded by Commissioner J.J. Schroeck

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Parleman	-Yes
Commissioner Schroeck J C	-Yes
Commissioner Schroeck J. J.	-Yes
Commissioner Sheldrick	-Yes
Commissioner Storcks, M	-Yes, but abstain from Bills 23-303 to the County of Monmouth for fuel.

REQUISITIONS/PURCHASE ORDERS

Michelle reported Chief Schmidt submitted one repair today.

CHIEFS REPORTS

Township Chief Edward Schmidt-

- 380 Maintenance – leak in front discharge, 2 minor leaks in air system, 1 minor leak in the AC system above officer side.
- Repairs made today to air compressor.
- Submitted maintenance request for the Marine 39 trailer since it hasn't had work on it since we received it.
- Verified they can use the township mechanics for repairs. Michelle confirmed, yes.
- Clean air coming for service on October 16th, other chiefs advised
- Halmatro service contract renewed, coming in on October 31st for that service.
- Hazlet Day went well
- Bon Fire on the 21st
- PPE from MES should be sent out next week.
- 3 department member recognized at the County fire academy last week for receiving valor awards from 2 different structure fires.
- Commissioner JC Schroeck asked about the air system. Chief and captain advised it is a separate repair from the normal service.

1st Assistant Chief Craig Spirko- Absent

- Captain Meacham has no report

2nd Assistant Chief Rob Steiner-

- Thanked everyone for reaching out during his medical issues. He is cleared to return but is holding off a little longer. He has the documentation.
- Ladder 291 had PM done. Itemized quote for repairs. Still have rust issues and will receive an additional quote on that. Will send pictures of the issues over to the board for review.
- Captain Scanlon and Commissioner Storcks completed the pictures of engine 279 for upcoming auction. He has equipment he wants to remove prior to auctioning off. He also reported that John Thompson from Pierce has a fire company possibly interested in looking at or purchasing the engine from us. Chief will follow up with him to gauge his interest.
- He has gear he is looking to donate. Just needs serial numbers to get and give to the board. Commissioner Storcks asked if the other 2 companies are looking to dispose, to get inventory information.

Fire Official Thomas Horner-

- 1,400 kids were instructed on fire prevention. Has 1 more day for 5

th and 6th graders. Schools are happy to see the Fire Prevention program back in the schools.

-New software system is moving along. Michelle is working with the company on minor issues and concerns. Michelle reported the residential software is up and running.

Residents can go through a link on our website to fill out the required information.

-Bon fire on 21st.

-October 26-29 the town hosting a haunted house. Recreation has not notified Michelle with the proper paperwork.

-Urban Air still being worked on. Not open yet.

FIRST AID - Steve Schmidt

-Covid is back, some hospitals have reinstated masking. Call volume is still busy.

NEW BUSINESS

-LOSAP reports are completed and forwarded to the chiefs for review.

-Portable radios- Commissioner Parleman reported the board's discussion on Motorola, Harris, and Tait. Based on the information received, the Harris radio is NFPA compliant, the Tait is a public service radio and does not meet the NFPA compliance standards. Harris is also more expensive at over \$11,000. The Fire Commissioners discussed to remain with Motorola due to the costs and being NFPA compliant. Commissioner Storcks wants more information from Chief Spirko before he agrees to stay with Motorola, based on the information provided tonight.

New Member Applications

1) Christopher Eastmond- WKFC

- a. A motion was offered by Commissioner J.C. Schroeck Seconded by Commissioner Sheldrick to accept Chirstopher Eastmond as a volunteer firefighter for Hazlet Fire District #1, as a member of the West Keansburg Fire Company.

All in Favor

2) Jacob Carrier- NCVFC

- a. A motion was offered by Commissioner Storcks, seconded by Commissioner J.C. Schroeck to accept Jacob Carrier as a volunteer firefighter for the Hazlet Fire District #1, as a member of the North Centerville Volunteer Fire Company.

All in Favor

A motion was offered by Commissioner Sheldrick, seconded by J.C. Schroeck to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) 2023-026 Establishing Compensation for Fire Commissioners.
- 2) 2023-027 Authorizing purchase of a Toyne Class-A Pumper.
- 3) 2023-028 Award of Contract to Toyne.
- 4) 2023-029 Corrective Action Plan.
- 5) 2023-030 Adopt Audit report.

Commissioner Storcks advised Chairman Parleman about his issue with 2023-026 about the compensation for Fire Commissioners. The resolution was passed by the town committee last night, prior to the Fire Commissioners discussing the compensation. Chairman Parleman made it noted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Parleman	-Yes
Commissioner Schroeck J C	-Yes
Commissioner Schroeck J. J.	-Yes
Commissioner Sheldrick	-Yes
Commissioner Storcks, M	-No on 2023-026, yes on all others.

At 8:54pm the meeting was open to the public. In accordance with the "Open Public meeting law", each member of the public will be given a maximum of 3 minutes for public comment.

No one spoke

At 8:55pm the public comment portion was closed by Chairman Parleman.

Resolution 2023-031 Executive Session was read by Attorney Appleby.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Storcks, seconded by Commissioner Sheldrick to approve resolution and enter closed session.

All in favor.

At 9:55pm the Fire Commissioners returned to public meeting. A motion was offered by Commissioner Sheldrick Seconded by Commissioner J.C. Schroeck to re-open the public meeting.

All in favor


There was no formal action taken.

At 9:55pm a motion to close the meeting was offered by Commissioner Sheldrick, seconded by Commissioner Storcks.

All in favor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Les Parleman".

Les Parleman, Commissioner, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph J. Schroeck".

Joseph J. Schroeck, Commissioner