

July 13, 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	- PRESENT
Commissioner Parleman	- PRESENT
Commissioner Sheldrick	- ABSENT

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
Craig Spirko	- 2 nd Asst. Chief
Thomas Horner	- Fire Official
Steve Schmidt	- First Aid

A MOTION to APPROVE the WORKSHOP, REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES of the June 8, 2022 MEETING was offered by Commissioner JC Schroeck and seconded by Commissioner JJ Schroeck. **All voted in favor.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from the DLGS stating the pension reports will not be available for the Fire District annual audit, districts are to proceed with the audit even if you do not have the numbers. They are due August 31.

OLD BUSINESS

Michelle applied for the UEI number, the Board is waiting for the state to issue a number. Due in by August 15, and will not be extended.

Fireworks went well on July 2.

FINANCIAL REPORT

QPA Michelle Barney read the **ATTACHED FINANCIAL REPORTS** indicating account balances. submitted by Commissioner Sheldrick, Commissioner JC Schroeck **MOVED THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE APPROVED.** Commissioner JJ Schroeck seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL voted in favor.

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

REQUISITIONS

- No open requisitions at this time.
- Equipment orders. Comm. Sheldrick would like to remind the Chiefs to submit the paperwork for the equipment indicated on the original budget.

CHIEFS

Township Chief Pat Wood

- Hose testing and ladder was completed at the end of last month.
- Air compressor was serviced at the firehouse and is in service. The error message the the machine was out of calibration was also fixed.
- Will be at the firehouse to install the quick connectors on the air compressor.
- Clean air will be at the firehouse on Saturday morning 7/16 and would like to service all 3 fire companies.
- The ladder 2-91 service has been pushed back until the last week of September.
- Rescue truck is back in service, generator and compressor are in good working order.
- Pump testing is scheduled for August 8th and 9th.

Comm. JC Schroeck mentioned that the registration renewal for the Ladder and Brush trucks came in and went to DMV should be back soon.

There is a company going around looking for overdue inspections on all emergency response vehicles, and if you are spotted and stopped, they will issue a summons.

1st Assistant Chief Edward Schmidt, Jr.

No representation

2nd Assistant Chief Craig Spirko

- Equipment orders are slowly coming in as ordered.
- Minimal loss of hose after the hose testing.
- PM for 1-90, waiting for information, possibly go out at the end of August.

FIRE OFFICIAL THOMAS HORNER

- CCO = 46 June
- Comm. Year to date = 392
- Fireworks went well, no issues to report.
- Complaints from several people that illegal fireworks were being sold out of the tents at Airport Plaza and Hazlet Plaza.
- Jersey Street fire, seems to be remnants of fireworks were the cause.
- Met with the chief and alarm company tech at Holiday Inn, seems that when an alarm comes in part of the building gets an alarm, part doesn't, and also the fire companies are getting called

twice for the same alarm, once by the Holiday Inn and an hour later will get a call from the alarm company. Will schedule a walk around with the tech and chief to try and get this resolved.

- The old Dino's Fishery strip mall was approved, will be demolishing soon and some drive thru coffee company will be going in.
- Hazlet Plaza will be adding a food store.

FIRST AID – STEVE SCHMIDT

- Not much going on, Covid is still here.
- Equipment orders are in.

NEW BUSINESS

Vehicle maintenance still needs to be submitted to Michelle.

Comm. JC Schroeck asked if the Fit test machine is completed, want to send out for calibration.

RESOLUTIONS

2022-011 Reimbursement of Payment

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

2022-012 Closed Session

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

NEW APPLICATIONS

NONE

AT THIS POINT (7:51pm) 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.

- PUBLIC – I still have an issue with the 3-minute time limit. Can we lift that? It was 5 minutes during Covid, when you had virtual meetings, that's in the minutes.
- COMM. PARLEMAN – Duly noted.
- PUBLIC – We are going to do that again? How come the bills are not available to the public or published prior to the meeting. There used to be printouts here and this year there have not, no print outs, nothing on the website. Does everything have to be open requested to get information?
- Michelle Barney – they are usually right there.
- COMM. PARLEMAN – they used to be right here.
- PUBLIC – maybe on your desk, but not right here.
- COMM. PARLEMAN – they usually sit right there, here do you want those?
- PUBLIC – I would like a copy, sure.
- COMM. PARLEMAN – Any specific bill that you are looking for?
- PUBLIC – nope just your monthly bills, see how you spend money. Any update to your social media policy, since I brought up an issue a couple of months ago?
- COMM. PARLEMAN – There is no update at all. We are trying to mind our P's and Q's and we are leaving it at that for the time being.
- PUBLIC – The website, the minutes are only posted until April
- COMM. PARLEMAN – OK
- PUBLIC – and a few months I asked about recruitment and retention and anything that you guys would be doing to help out with that and I was told that No you were going to continue to do what you normally do.
- COMM. PARLEMAN – and what was that
- PUBLIC – I guess post your 1 ad that you have for the past years

- COMM. PARLEMAN – So I actually said to you that we don't want people to be recruited? Did I say that?
- PUBLIC – I didn't say that I asked if you were doing more to recruit
- COMM. PARLEMAN – I think we are doing as much as we can to get the people who want to come in, its very very
- PUBLIC – The amount of money that the district has I think you guys can do a little more
- COMM. PARLEMAN – What can we do, can you tell us? We would like for you to re-join the company, would you like to do that?
- PUBLIC – No, other than that
- COMM. PARLEMAN – Why not?
- PUBLIC – Because of the culture of the fire company
- COMM. PARLEMAN – Oh so the culture of the fire company is what the problem is Ok, Alright, Noted.
- COMM JC SCHROECK – we did do,
- PUBLIC – There is no overstepping the fire companies
- COMM JC SCHROECK - we had the signs put up for a while, then the cards going around for a while
- COMM. PARLEMAN – there is only so much we intend to, we always put out what we can, we talk to the high school students, anytime there is some kind of community event we are available. There is only so much we can do.
- PUBLIC – OK
- PUBLIC - You think with the amount of money the district has
- COMM. PARLEMAN – So my next question is, what would you like us to do?
- PUBLIC – I would like you to spend some money to get some members in, because the members are not knocking down the doors. And the answer of oh the old members need to come back is not the answer.
- COMM. PARLEMAN – No, so
- PUBLIC – You say no like you are not even thinking about it, there's no
- COMM. PARLEMAN – Pat, what's on my mind for most, trying to get members in here
- PUBLIC – I am not saying that its not on your mind
- COMM. PARLEMAN – you just said it wasn't on my mind
- PUBLIC – Open to new ideas
- COMM. PARLEMAN – whenever we have a public forum
- PUBLIC – I was kind of berated by an ex-chief over here, that's not his job, you are the fire commissioners
- COMM. PARLEMAN – You were berated by who?
- PUBLIC – The ex-chief that's your secretary who I haven't seen in a little while, went to the high school, went here and there, posted ads, nothings changed, when he was chief about 13 years ago
- MICHELLE – Times up
- COMM. PARLEMAN – One last question, when did he do this, when did he berate you?
- PUBLIC – I wouldn't say berate but he told me that
- COMM. PARLEMAN – Did you just not say berate?
- PUBLIC – Ok maybe I misinterpreted the word but he basically said that he has done a lot and I am not saying that you didn't do a lot, but its your job to get the people in here not the chiefs, the chiefs have to answer calls, do their thing
- COMM. PARLEMAN – It's the job of everyone to help
- PUBLIC – When he was chief like 13 years ago, its not hard maybe 2005 or 2006, so you've done nothing new since
- COMM. PARLEMAN – I think we have, that's it, you're done. Thank you very much.
- PUBLIC – I think you took up half of my 3 minutes
- COMM. PARLEMAN – No, you're done, Thank you very much, you managed to get on my nerves, you're done.

- PUBLIC – I am a taxpayer
- COMM. PARLEMAN – you’re a taxpayer, your done, we will see you next month. Thank you very much
- PUBLIC – This is why you have problems
- COMM. JC SCHROECK – He didn’t state his name for the record
- COMM. PARLEMAN – Can you state your name for the record?
- PUBLIC – No you know my name
- COMM. PARLEMAN – Please note that I was berated, he berated me
- PUBLIC – And you didn’t allow virtual for the tax payers
- COMM. PARLEMAN – So I asked you to be quiet, your time is done, thank you very much.
- COMM. PARLEMAN – That’s it, anybody else, Public, public, public? Nobody else, I can close the public portion of the meeting.

AT THIS POINT (7:56pm) the MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

AT THIS POINT (7:56pm), Commissioner JC MOVED TO GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, Commissioner JJ. Schroeck seconded the motion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

AT THIS POINT (8:23pm) 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

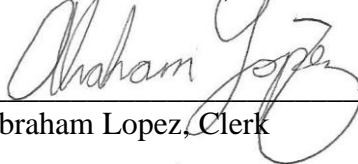
The regular meeting resumed.

At this point (8:23pm) Commissioner JC Schroeck MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

The next scheduled workshop meeting is August 10, 2022, starting at 6:30 pm.



Leslie Parleman III, Chairman



Abraham Lopez, Clerk