

## Minutes of the District No. 4, Meeting of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. by President Dwayne Jensen, commissioners in attendance were, Hughes, Roman, Pawol, and Klose. The accountants and attorney were not present or required for this meeting, the pledge of allegiance was said followed by a moment of silence.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Mr. Pawol, read the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Roman, made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Mr. Hughes, all were in favor.

### Treasures Report:

Mr. Hughes, read the treasures report, Mr. Roman, made a motion to accept the report as read and to pay all bills, seconded by Mr. Pawol, all were in favor.

### Buildings & Grounds:

Mr. Hughes, reported that he will contact the Inside Air Company, for a estimate on replacing the HVAC unit in the back room lounge, and also a price quote on repairing or replacing the roof top exhaust fan over the kitchen hood. He is still looking to find a overhead door contractor for general PM maint on all doors in the truck bays.

### Insurance:

Mr. Jensen, reported that the Board of Fire Commissioners has paid the Selective Insurance Company, the complete balance for the year 2013 in the amount of \$ 25,871.00 so the bills will not be late do to the Board meetings being held at the end of each month and payment is always sent in late.

### Trucks & Equipment:

Mr. Jensen, reported that the following repairs were made to fire equipment & apparatus. Rescue 4, new air line reel installed, new strap brackets in the rescue body box, generator was replaced due to water damage.

Engine 4-1 & 4-2 no problems to report.

2-new bottle jacks, & floor jacks were purchased for rescue 4.

Marine 4, the new 9.9 motor is in and installed on a hand cart.

Truck 4-2-4 is still down at the KME refurb plant in Roanoke, Va they are waiting for parts on the aerial.

Mr. Jensen, reported that the Board is looking to purchase 4- new air bags for the rescue truck, and 4-new dry suits for the boat at a cost not to exceed \$ 3,000.00 Motion by Hughes, to purchase the equipment, seconded by, Klose, all were in favor.

Mr. Jensen, stated that the fire company is in need of boat training classes, not to exceed

the amount of \$ 5,000.00 for 25 department members, motion made by Hughes, seconded by Klose, all were in favor.

Mr. Jensen, would like the Protection Fire Company No. 1 of Keasbey, to make up a damage report form for the fire apparatus, and also written permission will be required from the Board of Fire Commissioners, for any apparatus to be taken out of the fire district for " non emergency use" by the fire company.

Fire Hydrants:

\_\_\_\_\_ No report from Mr. Klose, but fire chief, Tomas Barry, reported that the Middlesex Water Company, wants to remove all chains for the hydrants, and have the firefighters install a cable to the cap when a hydrant is opened for use.

Fire Company:

\_\_\_\_\_ Nothing to report.

Human Resources:

\_\_\_\_\_ Nothing to report.

Old Business:

\_\_\_\_\_ Nothing to report on.

New Business:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Jensen, reported that the Board has received a letter form our attorney Mr. Richard Fazzaria , of Woodbridge N.J. for the annual retainer fee of \$ 5,000.00 for his services for the year 2013, a motion was made by Mr. Hughes, to pay the attorney, seconded by Mr. Roman, all were in favor.

Fire Officials Report:

\_\_\_\_\_ See attached report.

Fire Chiefs Report:

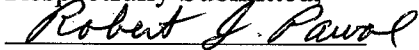
\_\_\_\_\_ See attached report.

Public

\_\_\_\_\_ No members of the public attended this meeting.

Adjournment; Motion to adjourn, Jensen, seconded by Roman, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert J. Pawol, Secretary

Fire District No. 4, Keasbey



## HOPELAWN FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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### FIRE OFFICIALS REPORT MARCH 2013 Fire District No.4

- The Bureau issued 1 Permit during the month of March 2013.

Ron Belicis Contractor  
Hot Roofing Permit- 398 Smith Street Keasbey.

- JB Hunt has moved out of the Warehouse complex at 326 Smith Street and has been removed from the Life Hazard Use listing.
- The Autumn Hills construction project in Hopelawn is half completed and will be ready for occupancy at the end of this month according to the builder.  
The second half of the buildings construction will be going up in the spring.  
This area is gated off at both entrances and equipped with a Knox pad lock that the Hopelawn Fire Departments keys will open if needed.  
All of the fire hydrants are in service inside of the complex.
- The Dana Trucking proposed Bio-Diesel Plant is moving forward through the Technical Review Committee. They are addressing the water supply issue and are working with Middlesex Water Company.

They will have a set of plans ready for review in the next month according to their Engineer Angelo Valetutto. Once I receive more information I will keep the Board advised.

- I spoke to Dave Tacinelli of the Weldon Materials Inc regarding the Keasbey asphalt tank and dock project on the Raritan River. Mr. Tacinelli stated that the project is on hold permanently. If there are any changes he will contact me. I will keep the Board updated on this matter.

The Division of Fire Safety is changing over their files to a new computer system that will drastically change the way the Division does business. I am scheduled for a training webinar on April 4<sup>th</sup> on this new system. The states new system does everything online including LHU registration, Verification/Updates which is currently done on paper and mailed into the Division. I will have more to report on this change once I complete the training webinar.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank DellaPietro III  
Fire Official  
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PROTECTION FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

KEASBEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY CHIEFS REPORT

Date: 3/26/2013

Meeting: Fire Dept./Commissioners

Number of alarms: 93 CALLS TO DATE  
33 CALLS FOR MONTH.

Equipment out of service: 4-2-4 FOIR REPAIR, 2 AIR PACKS TO  
BE PICKED UP BY MES FIRE ON FRIDAY, 29 MARCH  
FOIR REPAIRS. MAXI FORCE HIGH PRESSURE AIR BAGS.

Training: THURSDAY TRAINING CLASSES CONTINUE. WE CONTINUE  
TO HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT. REG. DRILL ON 7 MARCH, A NEW  
"ROOF" PROP WAS ADDED. MEMBERS PRACTICED THEIR SKILLS  
ASCENDING THE ROOF LADDER AND WERE INSTRUCTED HOW  
TO PROPERLY OPERATE OFF THE ROOF LADDER TO VENT A  
ROOF. FF JENSEN WENT OVER HOW TO SAFELY OPERATE THE  
DIFFERENT SAWS WE CARRY. EX MEMBER AND DC FF/TECH  
ERIC KOLARICK ATTENDED AND SHARED SOME OF HIS  
EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING ON PROPER ROOF OPS AND HANDLING  
OF THE TOOLS.

Explorer Training: EXPLORERS CONTINUE TO ATTEND THE THURS.

TRAINING CLASSES. THEY CONTINUE TO EXCEL IN LEARNING  
TO OPERATE OUR EQUIPT. AND OUR SOG'S

PROTECTION FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

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MONTHLY CHIEFS REPORT

Fire Officials Report: See ATTACHED

Report: 1- FF's Jensen, James Nauyen and Lt. Koperzwants are attending the EMT course sponsored by Raritan Bay Medical Center.

2- 3 New members, Andy Nauyen, Geran and Diaz are currently attending the FF1 class at MCCA.

3- On Tuesday 19 April at 1900 there will be a Squar Panel Safety Seminar sponsored by The Woodbridge Twp. Fire Officers Assoc. at Station 7.

4- On 13 March at 2249 The F.D. responded to an motor vehicle crash on the Garden State Parkway South at Milepost 128. Upon arrival a vehicle was on its side and 3 occupants were restrained in the vehicle. Dist. 8 members stabilized the vehicle and assisted Dist. 4 members removing the roof of the vehicle. All Dist. 4 members operated professionally. There was a few minor issues which myself and the officers will address.

Report(con't):

5- GRANT CONTRACT AND INFORMATION FORM WAS FAXED TO VICKERS CONSULTING.

6- On 23 MARCH FF Vincent Bianchi III and Lt. NACH were doing Driver training. As FF Bianchi was backing Rescue 4 back in BAY he struck the DRIVERSIDE GRAB RAIL. I was notified by FF Bianchi the next day. See attached white sheet.

7- Received 2 quotes for water rescue training.

1- PRI Rescue = TOTAL COST \$480 per person

2- All Hazards Training = TOTAL COST \$225 per person

8- Request BOARD TO PURCHASE 19 LEATHER RADIO STRAPS @ \$28.99 per AND UNIVERSAL RADIO HOLDER @ 24.99 EACH.

9- CONTACTED Ken Hollender FROM CONTINENTAL FIRE REF. TO PURCHASE OF NEW MAXI-FORCE AIR BAGS AND THE TRADE IN VALUE OF OUR EXISTING OUT OF SERVICE BAGS.

10- CONTACTED BART WATSON FROM MES FIRE REF. TO THE AIR SYSTEM FOR 4-2-4. He stated he believes that all we need is a 6' length of HIGH PRESSURE HOSE WITH A Female quick connect that will connect to the existing "BUDDY BREATHING" PIGTAIL. He will get back to me with a quote.



Report(con't):

11- New Hydrant Restraining cable for the caps are on rig. Middlesex water is removing all chain that is on the caps.

12- Need a written S.O.G. from Board concerning Storm / Snow Stand by's

13- Would like to look into prices and training on bailout bags.

14- On 26 March 2013 The Perth Amboy Fire Dept. responded to a fire at Grove St. Upon entering the structure a gas line within the fire building broke and 1 Battalion chief was separated from his crew. He proceeded to make it to the front of the fire building and broke out the second floor window with his light. A ladder was placed at the window where he attempted to climb onto ladder but became caught on the window sash and the storm window screen. He removed his mask and subsequently breathed in superheated gases which later was determined to have burned his airway.

15- Would strongly recommend Board purchase the "Boston Leather Radio Straps". The cost is \$59.45 for the radio case, strap + anti sway strap. It is my opinion that this is a safety item for members to protect their portable radios under their protective clothing so that in the event of a flashover their communications would be protected.

**Report(con't):** I would also strongly recommend that the Board look into the purchase of item #13 included in this report "Bailout Bags" for every member involved in structural firefighting. The cost of this system is approx. \$335.99 per member. This would be a minimal investment to save a firefighters life.

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED,  
26 MARCH 2013  
Thomas J. Barry  
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT.