

The Regular Meeting of the Executive Board of the New Jersey Firemen's Home was held at the Firemen's Home on February 13, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dutch at 9 A.M with the Flag Salute, followed by a minute of silence remembering all our first responders and service men and women.

A roll call showed all Executive Board members present along with Mr. Veras. Managers Horvath, Jeffer, Lugossy, Hull, Giglio, President Ordway and Solicitor Ward present remotely.

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved as amended upon a motion by Mr. Signorello and Second by Mr. Sanders.

Secretary McDougall reported that the manager's books have been completed and are available at the home.

Treasurer Sutphen thanked all managers for returning their signed expense vouchers. He also reviewed the procedures for paying bills. First they are reviewed by Mr. Veras, then Finance Chairman Silvestri and the committee, signed by hand by Secretary McDougall and then by Treasurer Sutphenl.

Superintendent Veras reported that arrangements have been made to have a physical therapist present at the home two days a week. The Nurse Preceptor program has been instituted. The construction of the "bridge" continues with it now closed in. Our salt supply remains adequate after the several storms. He wanted to publically note the dedication of the 18 staff members who stayed overnight at the home during the end of January Sunday/Monday snow event.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds: Mr. Signorello reported that the punch list items concerning the construction project is nearing completion. Date of occupancy still unknown.

Budget and Finance: Mr Silvestri reported the committee held their meeting on March 5, 2021, Full Report is attached to the minutes.

Applications: Mr. Horvath read his report and same is attached to the minutes. Mr. Signorelli thanked Mr. Veras for his help with his first application.

Legislation: Mr. Lugossy reported that S2384 had been signed by Governor Murphy. This bill deals with staffing and requirements for health care facilities. He stated. visits by the State Board of Health have been positive with our being in compliance with the law. A1634 was passed in the assembly. This is the "Age Bill" that was supported by the Exempts and NJSFA. It was difficult for the stenographer to hear Mr. Lugossy, He stated he didn't have written notes and will try to put some together for inclusion in the minutes.

Ethics and Code of Conduct: Mr Sutphen reported that he is still waiting on some managers for the Annual Report. He noted that this is a State of New Jersey requirement.

Golf: Mr. Greci reported that the committee held a brief meeting this morning they will meet again at 8 A.M. before the March Meeting. Help will be needed the day of the event and the committee is looking for each manager to get 5 hole sponsors.

Liaison to State Association. Mr. Lugossy stated that the pending legislation regarding the home and the NJSFA is a long way off from finalization and suggested that the managers and the NJSFA get together to discuss same. He said that there has been discussion suggesting that this legislation was initiated by the home. He noted that the legislation was initiated by a report issued by the State of New Jersey Comptroller and he stated he has had this discussion with Past President Gunson and others. Mr. Dutch stated that he has reached out to Chairman Lane and Rich Otterbein for a meeting and is awaiting a response.

Special Report: Mr. Frato read a report concerning the proposed A5210. Same is attached to the minutes. A request was made to send the report to all managers.

New Business: Mr. Signorello said we need to make the 10-person limit for the meetings at the home right, noting the same thing happened at the last meeting when there were more than 10 people present. Mr. Jeffer offered his firehouse as an alternative meeting location. The issue will be investigated and a report back to the managers:

Mr. Silvestri moved payment of bills in the amount of \$432,248.49. Second by Mr. Frito followed by a Roll Call with all managers approving.

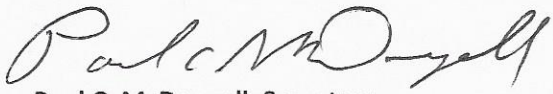
Public Portion: Mr. Hull commented on Public Meeting Notice being different than in the past and his being asked to leave the meeting earlier. He referenced comments made by Mr. Frito and wanted an apology. Mr. Frato made an apology.

Larry Handlin questioned A5210 and who submitted proposed changes to Assemblyman Burzichelli? He stated you are looking to take away vote of firefighters as to who they want to represent them and suggested all managers be removed and follow the new procedures in the bill. Mr. Dutch responded that there will be a discussion at the March meeting. Mr. Handlin stated that you choose not to offset you budget with surplus monies and wanted to know where that money goes. He was advised that our financial report is in the Red Book.

Mr. Freeman asked why a fireman who is destitute and has no insurance and wants to enter the home, can't receive assistance with his medical bills through Relief programs. Mr. Ordway responded that we should use our 10 to 12 million surplus to support the guests at the home.

Good and Welfare: Mr. Dutch wished Mr. Wilson a speedy recover from recent knee surgery and Past State President George Heflich with a bout of pneumonia.

There being no further business a motion by Mr. Frato and Second by Mr. Silvestri to adjourn at 9:48 A.M.


Paul C. McDougall, Secretary