

The June 12, 2021 Executive Board Meeting of the New Jersey Firemen's Home was called to order by Chairman Dutch at 9 A.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

Regular Order of Business was suspended to accept a donation of an 1856 Speaking Trumpet from Robert and Judy Adams. The trumpet was given to Foreman P.C. Adams, on 12/25/1856 who was a volunteer in Eagle Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 in Paterson N.J.

Regular Order of business resumed with Secretary McDougall giving the Public Notice of Meeting.

A roll call showed all Executive Board present with the exception of Mr. Silvestri and Mr. Signorello who had been excused. Managers Horvath, Jeffer, Giglio, Hull and Willson, Solicitor Ward, Supt. Veras and NJSFA President Ordway also present.

Minutes of the May 8, 2021 meeting were approved as read upon a motion by Mr. Sutphen and Second by Mr. Sanders.

Treasurer Sutphen reported all is well and on target with the current budget. He asked managers to check the book before signing to be sure they sign under the correct committee meeting and date.

Superintendent Veras reminded that masks were required due to state regulations for Long Term Care Facilities. He reported that the Physical Therapist is working out well and that consideration is being given to securing services of an Occupational Therapist. Maintenance staff is finishing up on spring cleanup. BBQ's are scheduled with the first weekend event tomorrow, sponsor Bergen County. Visitations are expanding by appointment only at this time.

Building & Grounds: Mr. Sutphen reported that we are waiting on final approvals from local and state inspectors to finalize reports before we can occupy the new unit.

Applications: Mr. Horvath reported on the June 8th meeting noting 47 guests and 5 application approved for admission. Five additional guests are approved for the new unit pending final occupancy permits. Full report attached to the minutes.

Employees: Mr. Freeman reported the committee and Finance Committee met to discuss contract of Superintendent Veras. The issue with CNA's has been resolved with granting an increase in hourly rates to be competitive with other agencies, 8 new applications have been received to help rebuilding staff.

Finance: Mr. McDougall read the report from Mr. Silvestri noting bills in the amount of \$354,397.99 have been approved for payment. Full report attached to the minutes.

Legislative: Mr. Dutch reported for Mr. Lugossy that the age bill has been approved and awaits the Governor's signature. Mr. Hull reported that A510 has been withdrawn and asked if the committee is no longer meeting with the assemblyman. Mr. Dutch responded that would be correct.

Museum: Mr. Wilson reported there are items proposed for donation which need further discussion. Mr. Hull further reported the Fire Gong Ring has been righted to its corrected position. Donations have been received from Mr. McKenzie and he is still working with Creekskill on their engine.

Public Relations: Mr. Wilson reported the committee discussed items for purchase and how to distribute same. Looking ahead to the next convention for new items to promote the home. Mr. Ordway offered to include any pamphlets from the home in their regular mailings.

Elections: Mr. Greni reported progress.

Inventory: Mr. Wilson reported that Mr. Veras is keeping record of new items and Mr. Veras added that a complete inventory will be taken with the renewal of the insurance policies.

Golf: Mr. Greni thanked everyone for their help and reported that the Residents Council has until July to give a report on their wants and needs.

Inspection: Mr. Sutphen reported he did a walk around and will make a few suggestions for the new budget. Mr. Hull reported a termite problem in the museum Mr. Veras is aware of that and it is being taken care of.

NJSFA: Mr. Ordway reported Red books are available. Convention nothing new to report. Convention and Caucus meetings will be a walk through. Local Associations are required to receive white voucher for convention expenses. No receipts are required by the state association The Five Mile Beach Association is working on what tents they will be permitted to have. He reported on a good meeting with Assemblyman Burzichelli. The Governor's Office indicated the age bill will be signed possibly on Monday.

Mr. Frato asked if any of the officers are opposed for election this year. Mr. Ordway responded no opposition and along with 4 Resolutions for voting.

Mr. McDougall asked Mr. Ordway if Executive Committee members are reimbursed per person for those attending the convention or caucus meeting. Mr. Ordway responded that there is a formula for reimbursement for caucus meetings for refreshments and other caucus expenses nothing for the convention.

Mr. Freeman made a motion Second by Mr. Greni that the September Full Board Meeting be changed to September 25th at the home and that no reimbursement be made to the managers for attendance at the convention. A voice vote was taken with all Executive Committee in favor. Mr. Wilson said he was not in favor.

Discussion was held on the proposal for the Lathrop Station name for the new unit. Mr. McDougall was asked to send an email requesting comments so the board can take action at the July meeting.

Mr. Sutphen asked if managers will be receiving a COVID Booster Shot. Mr. Veras responded that there is no guidance from the state at this time.

Mr. Hull inquired about the By-Law change that Mr. Foran suggested for Managers attendance and participation at the Executive Board meetings. Mr. McDougall reported that Mr. Lugossy had told him he requested an Email form Mr. Foran with his suggestions and didn't know if he had responded.

Mr. Sutphen asked if there will be an annual report for distribution at the caucus meetings Mr. McDougall stated he will provide the report. Mr. Ordway said they will include it in their package to be given to everyone as they exit the caucus meetings.

Mr. Frato stated that he chose not to seek reelection due to personal issues.

A motion was made by Mr. McDougall to pay bills in the amount of \$354,397.99. Second by Mr. Frato and approved by a Roll Call Vote.

Public Portion:

Rich Otterbein inquired as to the status of the Memory Care Unit opening and the legal actions being taken. Mr. Veras responded that there are matters to be resolved between the DCA, Boonton Town Engineers and State Department of Health. He is hopeful that all matters may be resolved by this Tuesday. Litigation continues.

Mr. Veras reported that access cards to the building will be available on request

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul McDougall", written in a cursive style.

Paul McDougall, Secretary