

The regular meeting of the Board of Managers was called to order at 3 P.M. on September 15, 2022 at Uries Dockside Restaurant Wildwood N.J. at 3 P.M. by Chairman Greci with the flag salute followed by the invocation by Mr. Dutch.

Secretary McDougall provided the Public Notice of Meeting followed by a roll call vote with all managers in attendance. Mr. Ward and Superintendent Veras were also present.

Minutes of the August 13, 2022 meeting of the Executive Board were approved as distributed upon a motion by Mr. Sutphen and second by Mr. Apgar.

Secretary McDougall reminded managers that pictures of the new managers and the group photo will be taken before the October meeting. The dress for the day will be suit/sport coat and tie.

Treasurer Sutphen reminded managers to sign the book tomorrow at convention hall and reported that the budget continues on course. The monthly budget report shows monies in reserve from the CNH line item.

Superintendent Veras reported on his attendance at the FMBA Convention representing the home. Several questions had been asked and answered. He received good feedback from the FMBA members he spoke with. Flu and COVID Booster shots will be given prior to the October meeting. Managers wishing to receive the shots should bring their insurance card. Manager Jeffer asked if spouses could also receive the shots. Two Managers expressed interest. There was no objection from the board for them to receive the shots provided they supply the necessary insurance information. Mr. Veras reported that the BBQ season is winding down and several of the career departments have expressed interest in next seasons schedule.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds: Mr. Signorello gave an update on items currently being undertaken which included computer upgrades, bathroom updating, purchase of chair scale, replacement of Kitchen Floor. Roofing and downspout repairs are also being planned which are included in the budget. He reported that permits are in process for the Physical Therapy Room that is funded in this year's budget and asked for a motion to proceed with the project. Mr. Sutphen moved to continue with the project and second by Mr. Matthews. Several managers had questions as to how much has been expended. As well as an explanation of future costs. Mr. Veras responded that the only costs so far have been in house labor by the maintenance staff and the engineers drawing required by the town for permits. Mr. Veras advised that outside contractors will be used for fire detection and electrical work. The biggest expense will be for new exercise equipment. The physical therapist is preparing a list of items he feels necessary and is working on getting required quotes. Mr. Veras stated that the entire project will not go over budget. Mr. Hull stated the statement about it being in the budget is ambiguous. Mr. Wilson stated we are now losing 6 beds after adding 10 beds to the memory care unit. Manager Jeffer moved to table the motion second by Mr. Hull. A roll call vote taken showed 13 No 7 Yes and 1 abstention. Mr. Heflich stated that if it is decided the project moves forward we need to provide therapy for the men. He is against the room. A roll call was taken on moving forward with the project as per Mr. Sutphen's motion 15 in favor 5 no and one manager not voting. Mr. Signorello continued his report on the Vreeland Ave property as per the Structural Engineers report that it should be torn down. Mr. Greci report multiple

quotes have been received with the low quote being \$18,700.00. We are waiting on an Asbestos Abatement Plan before moving forward. This project was approved by the Finance Committee. All managers had been provided with the Engineers Report.

Applications: Mr. Horvath provided his report from the committee meeting on September 6th. Same is attached to the minutes.

Budget and Finance: Mr. Silvestri provided his report from the committee meeting on September 6th. Same is attached to the minutes.

Insurance: Mr. Strube reported some of the policies are coming due for renewal and that there are no new claims. There are 5 Workers Claims being carried at the present time.

Legislative: Mr. Lugossy reported that not much moving that concerns the fire service. The Governor has not signed the bill dealing with Cancer Screenings for Career Firefighters not covered by State Health Benefits and funding for those not in the State Health Benefits.

Inspections: Mr. Dutch Reported the day he was at the home it was raining so he could not do much on the outside. He did report that the new cleaning company is doing a great job.

State Association. MR. Ordway reported that everything is in order for the convention meeting tomorrow and voting on Saturday. He also reported that the Governor signed the bill today that Mr. Lugossy reported upon.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Matthews stated that the Community Nursing Home was a good project and that a majority of the board was in favor of the program. He stated that we are a separate autonomous board and it seems like the state Executive Board wants to control everything. The states job is Relief and our job is nursing home. He is very disappointed that the program is not moving forward and had a candidate for the program.

Mr. Sanders stated that the way things are going the Firemen's Home will be long gone in the future. There are no Nursing Homes in his county worthy of a fireman.

Chairman Greci reported that with Tom Ward retiring he is appointing a committee along with himself and Mr. Veras to review responses to the RFP and make a recommendation to the board. Those on the committee will be Managers Wilson, Jeffer, Signorello and Apgar.

Payment of Bills: Mr. Silvestri moved payment of Bills in the Amount of \$297,094.31 second by Mr. Matthews. A roll call taken showed all managers in favor with Mr. Sanders Abstaining.

Mr. Hull moved Resolution 12-2022 Suspending monthly Assessments to the Guests of the New Jersey Firemen's home. Second by Mr. McDougall. Mr. McDougall advised that there is a wording change from the Resolution that had been emailed to the managers. The word "eliminate" has been changed to suspend. MR. Washer stated he requested the change. Mr. Ward advised that should the board want to change it back to a fee, they have the ability to do it VIA passing another resolution. Ex. Committeeman Handlin from Hudson County asked if we were taking the lost funds from Surplus. He was advised that the money lost will come from the surplus in the current budget. A roll call showed all managers in favor with Mr. Sanders Abstaining.

Mr. Heflich made remarks about meeting with Mr. Veras and with Jersey City FD, and has several questions he had sent to Mr. Ward that he would like responses to. Mr. Greci asked Mr. Veras to respond to the questions. He also said he was against the community Nursing Home Program. He wants to work with the board of managers and will not be an obstructionist.

Public Portion:

Mr. Handlin inquired if the board had a bill list for the managers to review today. Mr. Sutphen responded no.

Mr. Handlin inquired if a cost breakdown of the Rehab for the PT Room will be available. Mr. Veras will provide same. He also questioned about how many time a week a person receives therapy. Mr. Veras it depends on the script given by the doctor. He stated that after two years of no manager in his county he looks forward to working with Mr. Heflich.

Mr. Otterbein in follow up to an earlier question asked by Mr. Handlin about the Home's use of surplus funds, inquired if the \$1 million dollars from the Home's surplus was allocated for the Community Nursing Home Program or for future projects? Mr. Otterbein recalled the budget having \$1.5 million dollars from the State and \$1 million dollars from the Home's surplus for the Community Nursing Home project. Mr. Sutphen responded that the money taken from our surplus was not earmarked for anything in particular and that we subtracted what we needed from our operating budget. Mr. Ordway stated (to Mr. Otterbein) that is not how budgets are formed. The income is the income and the expenses are the expenses; funds are not matched up unless for grant purposes. Mr. Otterbein concluded with the fact he is familiar with the finance of government.

Good and Welfare:

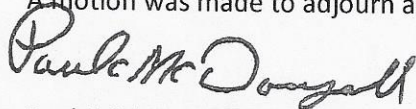
Mr. Freeman thanked Mr. Matthews for arranging for today's meeting and dinner.

Mr. Greci thanked everyone for their well wishes and the Fruit Basket from the Board of Managers while he was in the Hospital.

Mr. Wilson commented on notable birthdays of a few managers.

Mr. Greci read and presented proclamations to Managers McDougall, Horvath, and Sanders who will be leaving the board. He also read a proclamation and made a presentation to Tom Ward who will be retiring after 40 plus years as solicitor.

A motion was made to adjourn at 4:22 P.M.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Paul C. McDougall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being the most prominent.

Paul C. McDougall, Secretary.

Applications Meeting 09/06/2022

The Applications Committee meeting was held on Tuesday September 6, 2022 at the Firemen's Home Boonton New Jersey at 09:00 hours.

Attending the meeting were Board Managers Bruce Horvath, Albert Freeman, Paul McDougall, Joe Signorella, Peter Jeffer, and Tom Washer. Representing their respective departments were Mrs. Ursula Baumgartner, Ms. Amber Lee Brundrik, and Mrs. Mary Kate Ernst.

The Census as of September 6, 2022 is as follows. Long Term (60) sixty. This includes (5) in Lathrop Station. There are (5) five in Residential. This gives us a total of (65) sixty-five Residence at this time. Since the August meeting we have lost (1) Brother who has answered his last alarm. May he rest in peace.

Since the last meeting we have taken in (6) six applicants. There are (4) four applicants that are scheduled for later this month. During the meeting (7) seven applications were gone over by the committee. (5) Five applications on hold for various reasons. (1) One application will be pulled after the (6) month hold period. This was done after talking with that County Manager. One (1) application approved (TBA) time to be announced at later date.

To all managers please do not give times to applicants for admission. These applications are on average take about (30) thirty to (60) days for review and final approval.

Copies of this report have been submitted to the Board's Secretary, and the Board's Stenographer.

The next meeting of the Applications Committee will be Tuesday October 4, 2022 at 09:00 hours at the Firemen's Home Boonton New Jersey.

Respectively Submitted
Bruce R. Horvath
Applications Chairman

Audit & Finance Committee Report

September 6, 2022

The Audit & Finance committee held its monthly meeting at the home on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022. Attending this meeting were Mr. Freeman, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Horvath, Mr. Sutphen, myself and Superintendent Veras. Also in attendance was Mr. Dutch.

Items reviewed were the revenue & expenses from August 9th through September 6th and all expenditures are in order.

The vouchers were reviewed by the committee in compliance with section 2, article 5 of the bylaws for the New Jersey Firemen's Home. The total bills for the period amounted to \$297,094.31

The committee reviewed and discussed the \$850 Room & Board fee to be voted on at meeting. The committee asked the superintendent to purchase something to present Mr. Ward.

The next meeting of the finance committee will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 at 8:00 AM, at the home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Silvestri

Audit & Finance Committee Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2022

**RESOLUTION SUSPENDING MONTHLY ASSESSMENT TO
GUESTS OF THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S HOME**

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home is responsible for the operation of a licensed New Jersey Residential and Long Term Nursing Facility; and

WHEREAS, as an independent State Agency of New Jersey under N.J.S.A. 30:7-1 et seq., it is expressly empowered to govern, manage and conduct the New Jersey Firemen's Home including establishing the terms and conditions upon which an aged, needy or disabled fireman may be admitted into the HOME per N.J.S.A. 30:7-6: and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Board of Managers has recommended suspension of the existing assessment to guests currently in the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty (\$850.00) Dollars per month and, furthermore, to assess no monthly fee to any guest effective October 1, 2022 and thereafter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home to suspend the existing monthly guest assessment of Eight Hundred Fifty (\$850.00) Dollars; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the conditions established in this resolution be effective as of October 1, 2022.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Full Board of the New Jersey Firemen's Home held on the 15th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST


PAUL McDOUGALL, Secretary

APPROVED


ANTHONY GRENCI, Chairman
Board of Managers

New Jersey Firemen's Home

Full Board Meeting

Order of Business

September 15, 2022

Call meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Public Notice

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

August 13, 2022 Meeting

Communications

Officers Reports

Secretary

Treasurer

Superintendent

Mr. Veras

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Signorello

Applications

Mr. Horvath

Employees

Mr. McDougall

Finance and Budget

Mr. Silvestri

Insurance

Mr. Strube

Legislative

Mr. Lugossy

By-Laws

Mr. Lugossy

Museum

Mr. Hull

Public Relations:

Mr. Wilson

Ethics & Code of Conduct

Mr. Sutphen

Pension

Mr. Greci

Inventory

Mr. Wilson

Golf	Mr. Grenci
Liaison to State Association	Mr. Lugossy
Inspection	Mr. Dutch
State Firemen's Association	Mr. Ordway

Unfinished Business

New Business

Payment of Bills

Mr. Silvestri

Motions & Resolutions

Resolution 12-2022 ELIMINATING MONTHLY ASSESSMENT TO GUESTS
OF THE NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S HOME

Public Participation

Executive Session

Good and Welfare

Adjournment

N.J. Firemen's Home MEETING

SIGN IN SHEET IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK.

Please Print Clearly

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE LEGIBLE FOR OUR MINUTES

Date:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS/ Fire Dept.	TOPIC
Rich Otterbein	NJS FA - ESSEX Email: ROTTERBEIN@AHO.DLW	
Joseph Hankins	NJSFA UP Email:	
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**PLEASE LIMIT YOUR TIME TO SPEAK TO
THREE MINUTES**

Full Board of Managers Meeting

Date:
September
15, 2022

✓ = Present
✓ = Yes Vote
N = No Vote
A = Abstain

Name:	Meeting	Bills	Tackle Motion	Approve Physical Therapy	Resolution 12-2022					
Grenci, Anthony	/									
Signorello Joe	/	✓	N	✓	✓					
McDougall, Paul	/	/	N	✓	✓					
Sutphen, Tom	/	/	N	✓	/					
Dutch, Oscar	/	/	N	✓	/					
Silvestri, Ken	/	/	N	✓	/					
Freeman, II, Al	/	/	N	✓	/					
Sanders, Robert	/	/	Abst	✓	Abst					
DeLaurentis, Sonny	/	/	N	✓	✓					
Horvath, Bruce	/	/	N	✓	/					
Heflich George	/	/	✓	✓	✓					
Jeffer, Peter	/	/	✓	✓	/					
Matthews, Jim	/	/	✓	✓	/					
Apgar, Timothy	/	/	N	✓	/					
Lugossy, Gil	/	/	N	✓	/					
Giglio, Nick	/	/	✓	✓	/					
Strube, Harry Jr.	/	/	N	✓	/					
Hull, Roger	/	/	✓	N	/					
Denny, Butch	/	/	N	✓	/					
Wilson, Glen	/	/	✓	N	/					
Washer, Thomas	/	/	✓	N	/					
Ordway, Robert	/	/	✓	N	/					
Ward, Thomas Esq.	/									
Veras, John	/									
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