

Minutes

The regular business meeting of the Bergen County Fire Prevention and Protection Association was called to order on at the at 7:30 P.M. on February 10, 2011 by President T.E. Simpson at the Bergen County Public Safety Institute.

An informative presentation was made by Mr. Trent Keller of Signalink regarding new technology for fire alarm retrofit code compliance.

Mr. Brian Higgins, Bergen County Director of Public Safety made introductory remarks offering support to the Fire Code Enforcement Community.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read following a motion by Mr. Connelly, 2nd. by Mr. D'Arco.

COMMUNICATIONS: Two letters from the Bergen County 200 Club were presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Le Clercq reported that with the last reported balance as of 10/6/10 being \$9,613.93, disbursements being \$7,195.50 and deposits being \$3,680.00, the current balance is \$7,023.93.. The report was accepted following a motion by Mr. Culmone, 2nd. by Mr. Rausch.

DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY REPORT: Mr. Elenio reported that the training brochure will be available by March 7, 2011. It has been reported that distribution of under odorized propane has extended to New Jersey for bulk propane facilities. Although these shipments have been recalled, there may be some still in circulation. Burn Awareness Week is approaching, information is available. A volunteer summit concerning Fire and E.M.S. is planned in Middlesex. A national summit will follow. The Safer Grants have been announced. The inspector certification examination is currently available.

COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT: Mr. Hennig reported that a multi-county meeting is planned for March 2 in Lyndhurst. Local Fire Department walk-throughs' have been conducted at various County facilities including the now operational County Dispatch Center in Mahwah. Aged hydrants on County property are in the process of being replaced and several fire protection systems are being updated. A special thanks was extended to Paul Elenio for his assistance with these projects. Mr. Hennig also extended an offer of aide to all local agencies. The office of County Fire Marshal will be up for re-appointment this year. Pres. Simpson has offered a positive commendation of Mr. Hennig to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

COUNTY COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Chief Rausch reported that the fire safety trailer is scheduled to arrive within a week's time. Its lettering will include the 200 Club and the County Executive as well as this Association. The County will not provide transportation. The old trailer is now for sale.

JUVENILE FIRE PREVENTION: Mr. Tony Culmone reported that fundraising is being explored. Cases are available.

N.J. STATE FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION: V.P. Silvia reported that Blaze Fire Gloves by Glove Care of Arkansas have been declared unsafe. This product was available at the N.J.S.F.A. Convention and was also purchased by the Fire Department of New York. Last Chance Reserve Breathing Filters are not N.I.O.S.H. approved and cannot be used with approved apparatus. Applications for the Fire Alarm Association and State Fire Prevention and Protection Association are available. Membership is encouraged.

COMMITTEES: President Simpson urged all members to volunteer for the various committees. Chairmen are needed.

Posters- Mr. Alan Silverman reported that all posters are due in New Milford or River Edge by March 14. .

Education- Associated Fire Protection is expected to make a presentation at the April 15 meeting in Rochelle Park. City Fire Equipment is expected on June 8 in Closter.

Merchandise- Paul Elenio reported that order forms are available and will be made available on the website. Orders may be placed by April. The product line has been expanded extensively. Emblems, decals and coffee mugs will be explored.

Fire Safety Trailer- A committee is needed.

Dinner- The annual dinner is planned for October 12 at the Seasons. Mr. Silverman will serve as Chairman.

Website- All members are urged to submit e-mail addresses in order to receive Association information. Dues forms are available on the website.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Simpson extended thanks to all committee members. In order to ensure that the Association is adequately funded, dues must be submitted early in the year. Members who are not dues-current will not be able to attend the dinner. Notices will be forwarded, the deadline will be set before September. The Arson Conference will be March 2 through 4 in Atlantic City. Attendance is encouraged. The Eastern States Building Officer's Conference will be in March at Park Ridge. The Sub-Code Official's Conference will be in April. C.E.U.'s will be included with all of these events.

VICE-PRESIDENT : Mr. Silvia reported that this Association is the largest and most active County Association in the State. Committee participation however is drastically needed. The Arson Course is being planned for April. A minimum of 12 students are needed. This Association is covering the cost. Mr. Silvia will attend the next graduation ceremony of the Bergen County Fire Academy.

UNFINISHED BUISNESS: Please report any employment opportunities to the Association through Pres. Simpson. Mr. Silverman asked for copies of hydrant maintenance ordinances regarding snow removal. The ordinances will be posted on the website.

NEW BUISNESS: A motion to donate \$500.00 to the Bergen County Juvenile Fire Prevention Association, made by Mr. Culmone, with a 2nd. by Mr. Silverman was carried. A motion carried was made by Mr. Elenio, 2nd. by Mr. Rosolen to pay membership dues of \$250.00 to the Bergen County 200 Club. A motion carried was made by Mr. Connelly, 2nd. by Mr. Silverman to purchase tickets to the Bergen County 200 Club breakfast for \$ 90.00. Mr. Ed. Tindaris has been appointed Acting Fire Official of the Boro. of Wallington

GOOD and WELFARE : With regret, Pres. Simpson announced the passing of Mr. Gregory Kopec, Fire Official of the Borough of Wallington. The wake was attended by the President as well as Sec'y. Castronovo.

The meeting was adjourned following a motion made by Mr. Elenio, 2nd. by Mr.D'Arco.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angelo Castronovo
Sec'y, B.C.F.P.P.A.

