



New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts December 1, 2018 Quarterly Meeting

The NJSAFD December 1, 2018, Quarterly Meeting was held at the Adelpia Fire Station located at 933 Route 33 in Freehold, NJ 07728.

Attendance:

See website for sign-in sheets

Time:

09:30 hours

President Elect, Dr. Harry Carter called the meeting to order.

- Flag Salute

Roll call of Officers:

President Elect – Dr. Harry Carter - Present

Vice President – Craig Aumack - Present

Secretary – Artie Hayducka - Present

Presidents Report

With Roger Potts death we were left in a bit of a lurch, Roger kept a great many things in his head. Not everyone knew what he was working on! So where are we now? What is the status with the IRS, Our 501 C3? Dr. Carter will attempt to meet with Edward Mullin to get the books audited and find out what our status is with the IRS.

Dr. Carter offered to continue doing the treasures work and hold the office of the President as well unless someone was willing to step up and take over the Treasurers opening. Commissioner Robert Burns Stated he would be more than willing to take

over the treasure position. There was a motion on the floor for Mr. Burns to take over the position of Treasurer. Motion was made by Nick Lombardi and seconded by Artie Hayducka. The motion was carried that Robert Burns take over the Treasurer position effective December 1, 2018.

Vice President Craig Aumack will be looking into finding out what our status is with the IRS and our Corporations paperwork.

Treasurer's Report by Dr. Harry Carter

Balance of Checking on 12/01/18	\$67,523.09
Balance of Money Market on 12/01/18	\$28,814.39
Total as of 12/01/18	\$96,337.48
Checks Written on 12/01/18:	
Ck#1052 Arthur Hayducka (Secretary's expenses)	\$1,233.85
Ck#1053 VFIS Insurance (Assn. Ins.)	\$1,386.27
Ck# 1049 Porzio Government Affairs	\$6,180.00
Total checks written	\$8,800.12
Total Money in Bank as of 12/01/18	\$87,537.36

Secretary Report:

Financials breakdown:

Copies of the Meeting Minutes	\$183.60
Stamps	\$600.00
Website Updates	\$150.00
Website Business Class Plan	\$155.49
1 Year Registration for NJSAFD.Com	\$15.99
1 Year Registration for NJSAFD. Net &. Org	\$34.98
1 Year Domain for each: Org, Net. Com	\$29.85
2 Boxes of large Envelopes	\$36.53
IRS Annual Report	\$27.50

Total amount due to Artie Hayducka	\$1,233.94
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A motion was made to receive the Treasurer's report & the Secretary's report as stated. It was moved, second, and carried that the reports be approved.

New Business

President Elect Dr. Harry Carter – February Elections

Dr. Carter will write a letter to the Board of Elections concerning the Voting problem with Absentee Ballots. The problem is that some people were sent absentee ballots without asking for them, thus causing a problem when it comes time to vote at the polls. Anyone marked in the Voting book as having been sent an Absentee ballot cannot Vote on the voting machine, they can only vote by provisional ballot.

Robert Burns – New Jersey Fire Museum

Mr. Burns gave a quick review of the things going on at the Fire Museum and asked if the NJSAFD would be willing to take part in supporting the Fire Museum. Dr. Harry Carter made a motion on the floor to support the Fire Museum and it was 2nd by Artie Hayducka. Motion was carried.

Legislative Report by Lynn Nowak

See attached pages.

Closing

The next NJSAFD quarterly meeting will be on March 2, 2019 at the Adelpia Fire Station located at 993 Route 33 in Freehold Township, NJ 07716 at 9:30 am.

A motion was made to Adjourn the December 1, 2018 NJSAFD quarterly meeting. It was moved, second and carried that that the motion be approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE DISTRICTS
LEGISLATIVE REPORT
BY LYNN NOWAK
Quarterly Meeting
Dec 1, 2018

ELECTION DATE CHANGE UPDATE

Per Rich Braslow and his conversation with Jason Martucci at DCA, the Title 19 requirement for fire district elections other than the general elections (if districts moved to Nov) is OFF THE TABLE. Also, Rich has drafted a sample resolution for districts who want to move. I have copies.

WATER COMPANY MANDATES

A429, Mosquera – Prohibits water companies from assessing more than one charge per fire hydrant to fire departments, fire districts or volunteer fire companies for use of fire hydrants.

A430, Mosquera – Requires water companies to provide representative of fire department, fire district or volunteer fire company access fire hydrants for water flow rate testing purposes.

Both bills were introduced on Jan 9, 2018 and referred to the Assembly State and Local Government Committee.

Artie Hayducka and I have met with Assemblywoman Mosquera to discuss moving these bills forward and amending A429 to address the size and timing of water company rate increases. She is prepared to amend A429 and ask for both bills to be posted in the Assembly State Government Committee. However, they have been informed that the League of Municipalities opposes the bills. Her aide, John Saben, is setting up a meeting with League at their District office, potentially on Fri, Dec 21.

FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS/FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A3974, Quijano/S2539, Ruiz – Requires fire suppression systems in new single and two family homes.

The Assembly Housing Committee is hearing A3974 on Mon, Dec 3, for discussion only. I will register fire district support.

A3111, Benson – Requires new single and two-family homes to be equipped with fire extinguishers.

Introduced on Feb 8, 2018 and referred to the Assembly Housing Committee.

No further action on this bill.

FIRE SPRINKLER TAX EXEMPTION

A1752, Quijano – Exempts from sales tax purchase of fire sprinkler systems in residential new construction.

Introduced on Jan 9, 2018 and referred to the Assembly Housing Committee.

On March 28, the Sales Tax Review Commission reviewed this bill and recommended “not to enact” (which they do with just about every bill they review).

No further action on this bill.

OPMA AND OPRA REFORM

S106, Weinberg – Reforms Open Public Meetings Act; **S107**, Weinberg – Reforms Opens Public Records Act.

Both bills were on Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee agendas in the fall but ended up being pulled, despite their being a TOP priority for Majority Leader Weinberg. Current drafts exempt volunteer fire companies but not fire districts.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY WORKERS

S716, Greenstein /**A1741**, Quijano- "Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act"; expands circumstances when public safety workers are eligible for workers' compensation. In the case of a firefighter with seven or more years of service, the bill creates a rebuttable presumption that if the firefighter suffers an illness, injury or death which may be caused by cancer, the cancer is a compensable occupational disease.

*This bill received an absolute veto by Governor Christie in 2016. Reintroduced this session, S716 was heard and released by the Senate Labor Committee on May 21. It was 2nd referenced to Senate Budget and Appropriations which also released it. **It passed the full Senate (29-4) on June 7. S716/A1741 was heard and released by the Assembly Labor Committee on Oct 18. It is awaiting consideration by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.***

S1597, Oroho/**A4058**, Bucco - Revises workers' compensation coverage for certain injuries to volunteer and professional public safety and law enforcement personnel.

S1597 was also heard and released by the Senate Labor Committee on May 21 and then second referenced to Senate Budget and Appropriations. No action in the Assembly.

No further action on this bill.

SHARED SERVICES

S1, Sweeney/**A1839**, Lampitt – Encourages sharing of services.

S1 was heard and released by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on Feb 9.

No further action on this legislation.

A1100, Downey/ S1586, Gopal - Adds Atlantic and Monmouth Counties to existing 5 counties that are part of the "Common Sense Shared Services Pilot Program Act.

Signed into law Nov 27, P.L. 2018, c. 140

Gov Murphy Action on Shared Services: The Governor announced on Nov 27 that he is directing DCA to enhance its work in the area of shared services, having the Division of Local Government Services hire two new people who will have that as their sole focus. Their goals is to have 10 new shared services agreements within the next 6 months.

FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

S1261, Stack – Establishes fire safety protocols and standards for certain light frame residential construction; requires placards identifying primary structural systems of buildings.

This bill is being heard in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on Mon, Dec 3.

FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

A2987, Bucco/S1799, Bucco – Increases membership of fire safety commission by four members who shall be "members of the public who are knowledgeable and experienced in matters related to fire safety. "

A2987 was heard and released by the Assembly Homeland Security Committee on May 10. The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee heard and released S1799 in June and it passed the full Senate (33-0) on July 26. Its last step before reaching the Governor's desk is consideration by the full Assembly.

No further action on this bill.

LEGISLATION RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW

A1627, Schepisi/1873, Sarlo - Provides PERS or PFRS member who continues to be volunteer fire fighter after retirement with employer from whom member retires has bona fide severance from employment for compliance with NJ Regulations and IRS Code.

This bill was signed into law on Aug 17, 2018, c. 96.

A1827, Lampitt/ S2171, Weinberg - Requires all employers (public and private) to provided earned sick leave to all employees at the rate of 1 hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked. ***Signed into law, May 18, P.L.2018, c.10. It takes effect 180 days after enactment.***

A5074, Quijano/S3416, Greenstein – Directs **Division of Fire Safety in DCA** to survey fire suppression systems in public and nonpublic school buildings.

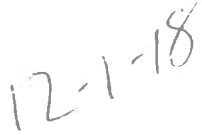
After passing both houses unanimously, Governor Christie did sign this into law on Jan 16, 2018, P.L. 2017, c. 318.



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Print Name	County	Township	District
Artie Huxley	Middlesex	Piscataway	#1
Harvey Carter	Monmouth	Howell	#2
Nick Lombardi	Middlesex	Piscataway	1
Sam Wadde	Middlesex	VFIS	
Greg Sandomenico	Middlesex	Piscataway	#1
Joe Zalesnik	Merrier	Hamilton	#3
RANDOLPH JAGER	monmouth	Howell	#5
Kevin Hargre	"	"	"
R. Donahue	"	"	"
James Donahue	"	"	"
Jeff Hargre			
CRAIG AUMACK	Middlesex	Piscataway	4
Richard Horton	Burlington	Riverside	7
Doug Howlett	MONMOUTH	Howell	2
RAYMOND RAE	Monmouth	Howell	DIST 1
FRANK BIDDLE	"	"	DIST. #2
GEORGE PATTEN	"	"	"

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