

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
WALL FIRE DISTRICT NO.1  
WALL TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY**

January 3, 2013

*The New Jersey open Public meetings law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.*

*In accordance with the provisions of this Act the Board of Fire Commissioners, First District No.1 of the Township of Wall, has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place and agenda to the extent known thereof posted as follows:*

- *Published in the Coast Star on December 27 2012*
- *Filed with Wall Township Clerk to be posted in Municipal Building December 21,2012  
Filed with Asbury Park Press for Informational Purposes Only December 21, 2012*

The January monthly meeting was called to order by President Bill Davenport at 7:00 p.m.

Flag salute followed by announcement of emergency exits.

Roll Call: Commissioners Stelling, Davenport, Hendrickson, Miles listed as present.  
Commissioner Kniffin listed as Absent.

Minutes of the December 18 2012 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Hendrickson, second by Commissioner Davenport. All members present voting Aye.

Correspondence were received from the following:

2013 Budget Pack received from the State

Correspondence's received from Jay Sendzik's office:

Notice of Regular & Workshop meetings published in Coast Star, Asbury Park Press and sent to Township.

Notice of publication of persons wanting mail in ballots.

Notice of publication of January 1, Special Meeting

Certification results of Scott pack Testing.

Bills were approved to be paid on a motion by Commissioner Davenport, second by Commissioner Hendrickson. All members present voting Aye.

Chiefs Report:

- Year to date, District 1 responded to 210 alarms
- Next Company drill will be January 10<sup>th</sup>

- The Annual Refresher Training request has been sent to Monmouth County Fire Academy. I have offered them two dates January 27 or February 10, both of which are Sundays.
- There will be a line officers meeting on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners Davenport and Commissioner Hendrickson have confirmed their attendance.
- There will a Township wide officers meeting at District #2 later this month. The Chief's would like to review and discuss the current mutual aid and dispatch plan.
- I have successfully completed the 92 hour Fire Inspector Program as well as passed the ICC Fire Inspector exam.

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Miles reported that the balance in the checking account is \$132,522.29. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Commissioner Davenport and second by Commissioner Hendrickson. All members present voting Aye.

House Report: Progress

Equipment Report: car 1-66 needs service, ladder 1-89 has been certified by UL. Scott Pack testing has been completed. All packs were certified. Extrication equipment has been serviced. The engine room exhaust system should be serviced. Schedule for March or April.

Fire Bureau: Meeting has been rescheduled, no date as yet.

Apparatus Committee: Will report at next meeting.

Legislation: Solicitor Jay Sendzik – Nothing to report.

Web Site: Updates being made.

Old Business:

Interlocal Agreement – Borough of Lake Como: Borough has approved money to purchase new radio equipment. There is a movement to start a second Fire Company.

Interlocal Agreement – Borough of Belmar (Route 71 Firehouse) – Chief and Commissioner are to meet on January 4<sup>th</sup> with the Belmar Borough Administrator and Capt. Huisman to discuss the possible lengthy stay of Union Fire Company in the 71 firehouse. Belmar has agreed to offset all expenses incurred by the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed to ask Belmar to pay a fee of \$1000 a month with a starting date of December 1. Mr. Sendzik asked that the Board get a Certificate of Insurance from Belmar naming the Commissioners the second insured.

Commissioners Compensation Policy (second reading) - was passed on a motion by Commissioner Stelling second by Commissioner Davenport. All members present voting Aye. This policy becomes effective immediately.

Commissioner's Room – Moving ahead, should be done by mid January. Carpet on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. furniture on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program – Chief and Commissioner Stelling to meet with FEMA on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Narrow Banding of VHF Communications – car 1-66, trucks 1-77 and 1-89 have been changed over by Allcomm. Remainder of radios will be completed in the next few weeks.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Election Referendum for 2013 – Mr. Sendzik reported that all necessary notices have been published for the election. One remaining notice to be published just before the Election.

Building/ Site Plan Review Fee – Chief Newberry and Commissioner Hendrickson will meet with Wall Township Administrator, Mr. Bertrum to see how the Township feels about the District charging a fee for plan review. This would have to be approved by all 3 districts and the Township by resolution.

Inactive Personnel/Workers Compensation – The District's Workers Compensation Policy Premium has increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This is due to the 4 injury claims paid out in 2012. The Board was hit with almost a 20% assessment. Increase was also due to the number of names on the roll call sheet. Some of these members are inactive, but the District still is paying for them to be on the sheet. The District budgeted \$36,000 for insurance in 2013. The premium amount now is \$45,000. Leaving a \$11,000 short fall in the Budget. Mr. Elliot advised the Board that there is money built into the 2013 Budget to cover the increase.

Solicitor's Report – No Report

Auditor's Report – Mr. Elliot asked if the Temporary Budget was adopted.

Miscellaneous – Nothing to Report

Public Participation – Company President asked if there was anything that the Board wanted reported back to the Fire Company. Chief Newberry will work with the President on the Inactive Letters.

Good of the Board – Nothing

Adjournment – There being no further business for this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Hendrickson and second by Commissioner Miles.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman R. Stelling  
Secretary/Clerk