

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
WALL FIRE DISTRICT NO.1**

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Monthly Meeting
November 27, 2012
8:00 p.m.
Wall Fire Company No.1
1511 18th Avenue
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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, Fire 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 April 12, 2012
Published in the Asbury Park Press on April 6, 2012
Filed written notice with the Township clerk on April 4, 2012
Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building
April 5, 2012

Meeting called to order by Solicitor Sendzik at 8:00 p.m. flag salute followed by announcement of emergency exits.

Roll Call – Commissioners Stelling, Davenport, Hendrickson, Miles Present, Commissioner Kniffin listed as absent.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Commissioner Davenport and second by Commissioner Hendrickson. All members voting Aye.

Correspondence were received from the following:

Certification of Air Test from Air Power
State Fire District Meeting Minutes
Notices from Attorney Sendzik's office addressing the use of Credit Cards by Fire Districts.
Notice from Office of the State Comptroller warning Districts about 3rd Party

Administrators of Workers Comp.
Return receipt of Certified Letter sent to Jamil Martin.

The bills were approved to be paid on a motion by Commissioner Davenport and second by Commissioner Stelling. All members present voting Aye.

Chief Newberry's report was approved on a motion by Commissioner Stelling and second by Commissioner Davenport. All members present voting Aye. [See Attached]

Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Miles reported the balance in the Investors checking account was \$118,094.24. Motion to accept Commissioner Davenport second Commissioner Hendrickson. All members present voting Aye.

House Report – Commissioner Hendrickson reported that the water heater in the Route 71 firehouse was not working. The Board discussed the possible benefits of replacing the water heater. On a motion by Commissioner Hendrickson and second by Commissioner Davenport the Board approved looking into installing a small water heater. All members voting Aye. Solicitor Sendzik recommended that the Board get an endorsement from Belmar's insurance company showing that the members are covered while in our firehouse and naming the Board as A Lost Payee. Commissioner Stelling will contact Capt. Huisman from Belmar PD to discuss getting reimbursed for costs to the Board while housing Union Fire Company.

Equipment Report – Commissioner Davenport reported on board charger on 1-89 needs to be rebuilt, truck 1-77 needs batteries. UL due the week of Dec. 17 to do final on ladder on 1-89. Scott Pack testing scheduled for Dec. 27-28. Cost \$47.00 per pack.

Bureau of Fire Prevention – New gear for inspectors, repairs had to be done to both cars. Inspections up to date.

Legislation- Bill going to Senate that may reduce payments to municipalities that do not enter into a Shared Service Agreement. At this it does affect Fire Districts, but may in the future. League of Municipalities is opposing the bill.

Apparatus Committee – Will schedule meeting soon. Change in the process of purchasing vehicles may result in getting a Consultant. May be more beneficial to replace older vehicle and not the Rescue Vehicle. State have made purchases more restrictive. Should get approval by Referendum to purchase a vehicle from the voters on the 2013 ballot. Need decision at least 50 days before election.

Mr. Elliot made presentation of proposed 2013 Budget; and explained how the line numbers were achieved. Public hearing to be held January 3 at 6:45 p.m. Resolution was read approving the 2013 Budget by the Board. Motion to pass Commissioner Stelling second by Commissioner Davenport. All Members voting Aye. Budget to go to State. The following Line Item Transfers were approved by the Board. \$16,000 was removed from the Equipment Budget. \$2500 was transferred to Insurance, \$1500 was transferred to Rent, \$500 to vehicle repairs, \$11,500 transferred to Administration. \$1668 was removed from Training and moved to Insurance.

Resolution to make Line Item Transfers was read and approved by the Board on a motion by Commissioner Davenport and second by Commissioner Stelling.

Old Business – Lake Como no movement. Will be discussed again in December.

Sale of Route 71 Fire House on hold. Good article in Coast Star. Good PR. Will be held off until early 2013. Price should be reevaluated before auction.

Security Upgrade – Printer still not working. Printer is bad. Needs to be replaced. Key pads not working right.

Web Site – Nash to meet with Chief next week. January 1 starting date.

New Business – Constant problems with phone lines. Chief checked with Optimum about pricing. Fire Company pays \$155 a month for 3 lines. One of which does not work. Switch phone and internet over to Optimum. 4 lines with Optimum plus internet \$179.00-\$199.00 a month. Web site needs phone number. Present phones do not work properly. Should install new phone system. Fire District take over phone bill, company will pay an additional \$150 a month to District towards insurance payment. Floor opened up to public. Company President Doug Davenport agreed with the proposed changes to company paying more for insurance. Board entertained a motion to move ahead with changing phone system, \$1500 for software, \$250 towards annual fee for software, \$255 for an additional monitor and \$600-\$650 for a new phone system. Motion by Commissioner Hendrickson second by Commissioner Miles. All Members present voting Aye. A motion to amend the Line Item Transfers listed moving an additional \$1000 to Administration from fire equipment and \$1668 from Training and move it to Administration. Motion by Commissioner Davenport second Commissioner Miles. All Members present voting Aye.

Solicitor's Report – Jay Sendzik – Board does not have Third Party Insurer for worker's Comp. Board has made great improvements. Credit Cards a problem. All Gas cards to be turned in to Board Secretary by December meeting. Set up store accounts were possible.

Miscellaneous – Renovations to Commissioner's room. Commissioners to purchase materials company members to do work. Upgrade to emergency system. Additional outlets and lights need to be put on the generator. Could be a fairly large project. Need prices. Labor costs could be big. Secretary was given permission to get prices on upgrade to generator system.

Public Participation – Steve Contreras [deputy chief] how does Board vote with only 4 commissioners. Public voted for 5 should have 5 members present. Board is powerless to do anything about Commissioners missing meetings. Board needs policy to address this problem. Doug Davenport asked Board if there is anything needed to be reported to company. Need list of members who need keys and keys not working. Advise Executive members about changes in payments. Lease needs to be changed. Jay to handle. Company may held with generator upgrade

Good of the Board – Swearing in ceremony Jan. 1 Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain separate. Resolution Certificate of Appreciation to members for work during the hurricane.

Adjournment – Motion Commissioner Miles second Commissioner Hendrickson. 9:46 p.m.