

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
WALL FIRE DISTRICT NO.1  
WALL TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

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The regular monthly meeting of Wall Fire District No.1 Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bill Davenport with a salute to the flag and announcement of the emergency exits.

*The New Jersey Open Public meetings Law, N.J.S.A 10-4-6 et seq., was enacted to ensure 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 the 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 January 2, 2014*
- *Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on January 2, 2014*
- *Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building on December 27, 2013*

**Roll Call:**

President- William Davenport- Present  
Vice President- Robert Hendrickson- Present  
Secretary- Norman Stelling- Present  
Treasurer- Ed Miles- Present  
Commissioner- Roy Curtis- Present  
Also in attendance:  
Director Bill Newberry  
Solicitor Jay Sendzik

The Board opened the meeting for Public Comments. Mike Clayton addressed the Board concerning a problem with fire hydrant spacing which exists in the Township. Mr. Clayton asked the Board if they would consider giving their backing to a proposed change in the Township Ordinance. The Board agreed to support such a change.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October meeting. The motion was moved, second and approved with all members voting yes.

**Correspondence:**

Tax Exemption form from Township of Wall

**Approval of Requisitions, Vouchers and Bills:** A motion was made to approve the bills for payment. The motion was moved, second and approved with 4 Commissioners voting yes and Commissioner Stelling voting present.

**Director's Report:** Director Newberry reported on the following:

He had completed (11) smoke detector inspections. Wall Fire Company had the officer elections. The Grant Application is close to being completed. There were some issues with the Commissioner's D&B number, but should have everything resolved in a few days. The 2015 Budget preparation is moving forward and the Board

should have the Budget copies by the workshop meeting. The copy machine is not working properly, Steve Nash is to come and try to fix the problem. There is a proposed \$200 a year raise for each Commissioner in the 2015 Budget.

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Miles reported that the balance in the Investors Checking account was \$94,971.47. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was moved, second, and approved with all members voting to accept.

**Committees:**

**1. House Report:** The roof replacement work has started. The A roof had no damaged wood, but the flat roof will need some of the wood replaced. The flat roof was stripped but was not properly covered and a large portion of the engine room ceiling was damaged along with the lighting fixtures. The Director will work with the roofing contractor and insurance company to get the problem resolved. The new boiler installation should be completed in a week.

**2. Equipment:** The repairs to the valve on truck 1-77 have been completed.

**3. Fire Bureau:** There was a lengthy discussion at the meeting concerning the future of the Bureau. There seemed to be a strong feeling by some to the districts to let the town take over the Bureau. It was decided that the 3 Districts should decide at their next Board meetings how to move forward with the Bureau.

**4. Web Site:** Wall township has offered the Board a link on their new website.

**Old Business:**

**1. Route 71 House:** The ceiling sheet rock in the North side of the engine room has been damaged by water and will have to be replaced. Tom Capaci has built a platform for the new boiler.

**2. Apparatus Lease Purchase:** The Bid Specs went out for the financing of the new pumper. The financing was for \$700,000 on a 10 year lease. There were 3 proposal received. The best proposal was received from US Bank, with a percentage rate of 2.323% for 10 years at a yearly payment of \$79,081.97.

The Board moved on 2 Resolutions. The first Resolution was to accept the Bid Proposal from US Bank. A motion was made to accept US Banks Bid Proposal. The motion was moved, second and approved with all members voting yes.

The second Resolution was to let Solicitor Sendzik draft and submit an application to the DCA to arrange a hearing to get approval for the purchase of the new pumper. A motion was made to, approve the Resolution, the motion was second, approved, with all members voting yes.

**3. Policy Revision:**

**Mandatory Requirements for Fire Officers:** A motion was made to approve the changes to the existing policy. The motion was moved and second, with all members voting yes. These changes will effect members elected to line officer positions in 2016.

**Incident Safety Officer:** The Board heard the first reading of the requirements and scope of the position of Incident Safety Officer. Effective date to be January of 2015.

**New Business:** Directory Newberry presented the proposed 2015 District Drill Schedule to the Board.

**Miscellaneous:** Nothing to report

**Public Participation:** Doug Davenport fire company President asked if there was anything the Board wanted reported back to the company.

**Good of the Board:** Nothing

**Adjournment:** There being no further business for this meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Norman R. Stelling  
Secretary/Clerk of the Board

