

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

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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 December 27, 2012*
- *Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on December 27, 2012*
- *Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building On December 27, 2012*

**THE USE OF MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES IS PROHIBITED WHILE THE MEETING IS IN SESSION**

The October 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 location of the emergency exits.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Stelling, Davenport, Hendrickson and Miles all present. Commissioner Kniffin listed as absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Hendrickson and second by Commissioner Davenport.

**Correspondence:**

- Resolution from Monmouth County
- Notice from Bob Elliot CPA concerning the Affordable Care Act
- Rent checks from the Borough of Belmar (June,July, August)
- Renewal contract from ESI for the extracation equipment
- Copy of letter sent to Township Administrator concerning inspection fee increases
- Copy of Notice of Sale published in The Coast Star, Asbury Park Press. Notice also Forwarded to Wall Township Clerks office
- Check from Borough of Belmar (sale of surplus gear racks)

**Approval of Requisitions, Vouchers and Bills:** The bills were approved to be paid on a motion by Commissioner Stelling and second by Commissioner Davenport.

**Director's Report:** Month of September fire company responded to (11) alarms, (1) EMS assist, (1) PD assist. Fire Company also responded to Seaside Heights on September 12. Director will meet with Line Officers on Oct. 7. Attended NJ State Fire Chiefs Association Meeting on September 12. Attended NJ State Association of Fire Districts in Wildwood, presentation by State Senate President Sweeney concerning shared services. Key personnel who handle the budgets at DCA no longer there, could effect the budget approval process. Web Site form must be completed confirming Districts have Web Site. If there is no Site there will be no Budget Review by the DCA. Grant for washing machine has been deferred until January 2014; more price quotes were requested. Forms sent to the Houston-Galveston Council, still waiting for a reply. Director has asked the Danskin Agency to shop for cheaper insurance prices. 2014 Budget documents delivered to Bob Elliot CPA who will attending the November 7 Board meeting to present preliminary 2014 Budget. All hose and ground ladders were tested. Holmatro equipment serviced, 1 tool failed and will be repaired. Campbell Supply inspected the light tower on truck 1-88. 1 bulb is out and the main seal in the tower is leaking and the tower has to be rebuilt. Campbell Supply will furnish estimate for the repair. IRS Acclamation letter complete, this confirms the Board's EIN, letter will be sent when government reopens. Truck 1-88 will go to Airpower International for hydro-testing of the air bottles. Commissioners will receive their payment at the November meeting. Director will be completing Purchasing 3 Class, still attending Municipal Finance class until November.

**Solicitor's Report:** Notice to bidders for the Route 71 firehouse published in the Coast Star and Asbury Park Press. Affordable Health Care Act notice to be posted in the firehouse.

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Miles reported the balance in the Investor's checking account is \$66,412.49. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Stelling and second by Commissioner Davenport. 4-Yes, 0-No

**Committees:**

**House Report:** Union Fire Company has moved back into their own building. The 71 house was left in a very clean condition. Hunt Property Maint. cleaned up the lot and trimmed the bushes. Rick Hendrickson from Union Fire Co. will return keys to the firehouse.

**Equipment Report:** Extrication tools serviced, electric box on 1-88 repaired, cord reel on truck 1-77 has split in outer covering. Director's car trunk replaced, to be painted soon. New generator for truck 1-85 to be installed.

**Fire Bureau:** There was no meeting in October. There was a special meeting on September 24 at which time Oliver Walling explained the financial status of the Bureau. To keep the Bureau in the black a request for a rate increase will be presented to the Township Administrator for possible approval from the Township Committee.

**Apparatus Committee:** Met with Seagrave at Wildwood. They had the exact model truck the Committee is interested in purchasing. Waiting for Houston-Galveston contract to come back. The Board approved to have the bell from truck 1-76 rechromed and installed on the new truck.

**Website:** Steve Nash in the process of rebuilding site. Site is operational, but still needs some work.

**Old Business:**

**Sale of Route 71 Firehouse:** Sale has been advertised, bid forms available from Director. Bid opening to be on November 7 at 12:00.

**Insurance/Lease Agreement with Fire Company:** Commissioners Davenport and Hendrickson along with the Director will meet with the Fire Company President to discuss the insurance and lease Agreement. The new cleaning personnel have to be put on the Workers Comp. policy which will increase the Board's premium. The Board will ask the company to possibly double what they pay the Commissioners for annual insurance.

**New Business:**

**Scott SCBA Masks:** Because of the change in Scott masks, the existing masks will not fit the new SCBA packs. The Board approved to start purchasing new masks so we don't fall behind. 3 new masks will be purchased from NJ Fire Equipment at a cost of \$946. Commissioner Stelling made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Davenport. 4-Yes, 0-No. 2 Sets of Morning Pride PPE that were approved in the 2013 Budget will be purchased under State Contract. Motion by Commissioner Stelling, second by Commissioner Hendrickson. 4-Yes, 0-No.

**Butler Building/Pole Barn:** Director Newberry discovered after researching pole barns that most companies that do installations are not bonded and cannot do municipal contracts. R&R Pole Buildings from PA gave presentation on a building 60'x40'Wx12'H. State Statute states that because we are a public body we would have to pay prevailing wage. Because of this new information the Board will have to reevaluate how to finance the building and possibly reduce the size of the building. One suggestion was to use the money in the restricted funds for the construction of the building.

**Mutual Aid Agreements:** Solicitor Sendzik is preparing some sample mutual aid agreements to be used with the 3 fire districts and Wall PD., and the Township of Wall.

The service agreement for the extraction equipment was approved to be renewed on a motion by Commissioner Miles and second by Commissioner Davenport. 4-Yes, 0-No.

**Miscellaneous:** Nothing to report

**Public Participation:** Fire Company President Davenport asked the Board if there was anything that was to be reported back to the company. Commissioner Stelling asked that the fire company move forward with the notices to members that will fall under the Inactive Reserve category.

**Good of the Board:** Nothing

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Norman R. Stelling  
Secretary/Clerk of the Board