

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

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*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*

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

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

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the August meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Commissioner Hendrickson and second by Commissioner Davenport. 4-Yes, 0-No.

**Correspondence:** None

**Approval of Requisitions, Vouchers and Bills:** The bills were approved for payment on a motion by Commissioner Stelling and second by Commissioner Hendrickson. 4-Yes, 0-No.

**Director's Report:** Director Bill Newberry reported on the following items; Himself, Commissioner's Stelling and Hendrickson completed training on the NJ Emergency Management Grant Program. Super Storm Sandy Recovery Grant Program closed out. Resolution to enter into County Shared Services Pool was signed and forwarded to county for approval. Fail Safe to do hose and ladder testing on September 20 at 18<sup>th</sup> avenue firehouse.

Director has been working with IRS to confirm Commissioners EIN. Letter of acclamation from IRS is expected to confirm number. County Fire Marshall sent email stating that our fire company was no not participating in the County WEB ID program. Director Newberry sent FM a copy of an previous email dated January 2012 that had all information requested. FM sent apology and said he must have overlooked that email. Have completed the Monmouth County Improvement Pooled Loan Program Survey. The present Scott masks will not fit the new Scott packs. The Board will have to put in place a program to gradually purchase new masks to fit our existing SCBA packs. Attended Federal Emergency Management Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Workshop, will be applying for grant. Been working with Mal Turdo on removing the whistle components from the Hwy 71 fire house to be used as spare parts for the 18<sup>th</sup> avenue fire house whistle. Fast Signs submitted a price of \$325 to remove the letters on the Hwy 71 firehouse. Started preparing paper work for the 2014 budget; Mr. Elliot will review information and report back to the Board. Completed and submitted a local grant for a washing machine for turnout gear at a cost of \$9,000. EZ Pass for the vehicles have been received and the accounts set up, EZ Pass will be stored in Director's office and be issued as needed. Director has completed Public Purchasing 2 Class, will be starting Public Purchasing 3 class, and Municipal Finance Class at Rutger's University on September 11.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Newberry reported that for the month of August there were (8) dispatched incidents and (1) EMS incident. September drill will be on the 26<sup>th</sup>. due to Wildwood Convention. Elections will take place in November with nominations in October.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Sendzik reported Governor signed into law a Joint Purchasing Bill that permits Fire Districts to contract with other Fire Districts to jointly purchase equipment. This is outside the state biding process.

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Miles reported that the balance in the Investors Checking account was unavailable.

**Committees:**

1. House Report: Rental payments for June, July and August have not been received. Director contacted Belmar's Finance Department and they have assured us that the payment will be processed immediately. Union Fire Company will be out of firehouse by October 1. Belmar will be billed for September rent. Bushes and lot need to be cleaned up. R. Hunt will be called for the cleanup.
2. Equipment Report: Had trouble with 3 trucks at the drafting drill. New generator for 1-85 has been received. Car 1-66 has been serviced. SCBA bottles back from hydro testing, the 2.2 bottles will be phased out as they come due for testing.
3. Fire Bureau: Report held over for New Business
4. Legislation: Nothing more than that what was reported.
5. Apparatus Committee: Pierce representative met with Director and showed what he had worked on. Seagrave waiting on outcome of Commissioner's meeting.
6. Web Site: Completely crashed due to severe virus, Steve Nash working to resolve problem. The Director was authorized to send letter to State explaining why Web Site is not working.

**Old Business:**

1. Sale of Route 71 Firehouse: Solicitor Sendzik outlined the schedule of how the Auction will be advertised in the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press. The Auction date is set for November 9. On a motion by Commissioner Stelling and second Commissioner Miles Mr. Sendzik was authorized by the Board to proceed with the advertising of the Auction.
2. LOSAP Policy Review: Commissioner's Stelling and Hendrickson and Director Newberry met and discussed the immediate LOSAP issues that we were facing and some things were remedied. Personnel Committee will meet and discuss the point structure and report back at the November meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Equipment no longer needed by Fire District: Union wants to purchase the 2 turnout gear racks located in the Route 71 firehouse. Seeing that the Board no longer needs the racks the Director was given permission to contact Union Fire Company that the Board is looking to sale them the racks at a cost of \$1000 for the two of them combined. Commissioner Davenport making the motion and Commissioner Miles second 4-Yes, 0-No.

The Board discussed the possibility of trading or selling the 1993 KME ourselves. Director Newberry has had contact with Lake Como and they are interested in the purchase of the truck. The Director will inform Lake Como that the Commissioners would be asking \$40,000 for the vehicle and would not be able to sell the vehicle before the Q2 2014.

The Huston-Galveston Area Council is a Co-op to purchase fire equipment. This co-op can be used as an option instead of going out to public bid. There would be no cost to the Commissioners for using this co-op. The successful vendor **would pay the Council. After much discussion; Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to pass a Resolution authorizing the Director to enter into an agreement with Huston-Galveston Area Council to become a member of that Cooperative. This motion was second by Commissioner Davenport and passed 4-Yes, 0-No.**

**Deputy Chief Contreras has submitted all necessary documents to enter into Driver Training. This request was approved on a motion by Commissioner Stelling and second by Commissioner Davenport. 4-Yes, 0-No.**

**The Director has reviewed past and the 2014 budget projected numbers and has determined that the Commissioners and the fire company have to reevaluate the insurance agreement. Commissioners Davenport and Hendrickson will meet with the fire company President and Treasurer along with the Director to resolve the issues at hand.**

**Commissioners Stelling and Miles along with the Director attended a meeting of the Joint Fire Bureau to discuss the stability and financial future of the Bureau. Solicitor Sendzik and Mr. Elliot and Mr. Walling also were present. Mr. Walling is Fire District #3 account. The Bureau's financial functions all pass thru District # 3 annual budget. The audited status of the Bureau shows that the Bureau owes Fire District #3 approximately \$69,000. The Bureau has this money in a CD with a value of \$105,000. The remaining \$36,600 is to be considered surplus. The Bureau will need to use \$22,500 a year from this surplus to function. Which means that the Bureau can operate, as long as nothing changes for approximately 1 to 1 ¼ years. There are issues that have to be addressed, and must be addressed soon.**

**Miscellaneous:** Nothing

**Public Participation:** None

**Good of the Board:** Nothing to report

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Norman R. Stelling  
Secretary/Clerk of the Board