

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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December 17, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of Wall Fire District No.1, Board of Fire Commissioner was called to order at 5:00 pm with the salute to the flag followed by the announcement of emergency exits by President Davenport.

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 Asbury Park Press December 19, 2019*
- *Published in the Coast Star December 26, 2019*
- *Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on December 17, 2019*
- *Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building Dec. 17, 2019*

ROLL CALL:

President Davenport – Present
Vice President – Hendrickson-Present
Secretary – Stelling – Present
Treasurer – Miles – Present
Commissioner – Curtis – Present
Administrator Newberry also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the previous regular meeting were not available at the time of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS, VOUCHERS AND BILLS: A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second by Commissioner Miles to approve the bills for payment as submitted. The motion was moved and approved with all members present voting **YES**.

TREASURER' REPORT: It was reported that the balance in the Ocean First Operating Account is \$230,978.88 and the balance in the Investors Payroll Account is \$23,802.22. A motion was made by Commissioner Stelling and second by Commissioner Miles to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. The motion was moved and approved with all members voting **YES**.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Newberry reported that there was not much to go over at this time and wished everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COMMITTEES:

1. House Report: Progress
2. Equipment: 1-89 is having an air problem but other than that nothing new to report.
3. Fire Bureau: Progress

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Capital Improvements – 18th Ave Station = Apron & Building Route 71 = Garage Wall – Will be going out to bid for the 18th Ave Station sometime in March and Route 71 they are delivering the material the first week of January, and the wall will be constructed during January.
- B. NFIRS – The chief has been filling them and it's a big help. The clothing allowance checks came off of that data and the program has been very successful.
- C. Engineer Training Requests: James Bailey, Joe Wolf = Initial / David Kayal, Ronald Flenchum = 89 – Commissioner Davenport reported that he reached out to all who requested training to let him know when they are available for training. The Board agreed to change the driver age from 25 back to 21. Administrator Newberry will have the paperwork prepared for the January meeting.
- D. Communications Upgrades – There is a meeting scheduled for January 7 with the township consultant, who will explain the new program to us. There is little the Board can do about the new program, but if we go through the township there will be a savings of about \$2000 per radio. We're looking at 6 or 8 portable radios for the officers and each truck will receive one of the new radios. So there will be 2 radios in each truck. Each District will have to split the cost of a Talk Through Channel. The cost of the Channel will be \$12,000, with each District paying \$4,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Reso = Auth. Notice of Public Meetings 2021 – Will remain the first Thursday of the month, with exception of June. June will be the third Thursday. There is no meeting in July. Workshop meetings will be 30 minutes before the regular meeting, except for June which will be the 17th and December which will be the 16th and no workshop in July. A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second by Commissioner Hendrickson.
- B. Reso = Establishing Temporary Budget 2021 – The temporary budget for 2021 will be \$125,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Miles and second by Commissioner Curtis to approve \$125,000 to be the amount of the 2021 Temporary Budget. The 2 Resolutions were moved and approved with all members present voting **YES**.
- C. Line-Item Transfers – Line-Item Transfers have been completed pursuant to the schedule.
- D. Reso = Award of Apparatus Maintenance and Repairs bid – The Board went out to bid for Repairs and Maintenance. Administrator Newberry suggested to the Board that we award the contract to Defender Fire. They are at an hourly rate for preventive maintenance and general repair of \$110. A motion was made by Commissioner Stelling and second by Commissioner Miles to approve the Resolution awarding the Repairs and Maintenance contract to Defender Fire at an hourly rate of \$110. The motion was moved and approved with all members voting **YES**.

MISCELLANEOUS: Nothing to Report

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

GOOD OF THE BOARD: Nothing to Report

ADJOURNMENT: When all formal actions taken the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman R. Stelling

Secretary/ Clerk of the Board