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The regular monthly workshop meeting of Wall Fire District No.1, Board of Fire Commissioner was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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  
Also, present Director Bill Newberry

Director Newberry started off the meeting with a list of Requisitions that need to be reviewed by the Board.

1. Knox Box units – The cost of the new units is \$1027.00 each. All three Fire Districts will be ordering new units. Total number to be ordered is 17. District No.1 will be ordering (4) units at a cost of \$4100.00. The money will come out of the Communications Capital Projects Line.
2. Rescue Saws – There is a request by the fire company Lt. to purchase (2) new saws. The first is a Stihl Rescue Saw at \$1299.00, and a K-12 Saw at \$1239.00, and necessary blades at \$250.99. For a total of \$2974.77.
3. Extraction Equipment – The Board had put \$10,000 into the Budget to start phasing out and replacing the old equipment. During the annual inspection of the equipment 2 lengths of our hose failed. Per length of hose the cost is \$960. Also, during a company drill the blade on the cutters broke. The cost of a new blade is \$1200. To replace this equipment, it would be \$3128.00. The Board decided to not replace the damaged equipment at move forward with purchasing battery powered equipment in the future.

House Report – Township Public Works was here again flushing the back basin out. Mr. Shrimp did hire a professional cleaning company, that cleaned out near the basin.

Fire Bureau – The new Tactical Support Unit is back from being repainted, and will be lettered in the next week.

Capital Improvements – Not much movement on the 18<sup>th</sup> avenue apron project. There had been some talk about putting a heating system in the new apron to melt the snow and ice. It was suggested that we look into a boiler type system not an electric system. Director Newberry will talk to the engineering company to give us some input on the installation of a system. Still trying to get some prices on the construction of the Route 71 engine room wall. Hope to have it wrapped by next meeting.

2021 Election – District #2 passed to move their Election to November, so now all three Districts have agreed to move their elections to November. The County will be notified about this decision so they can start working on what has to happen at their level.

Part time administrative position – To date we have 23 actual applicants for the position. The dead line for applying is October 6, after that we will starting Zoom interviews. It will be narrowed down to 5 applicants who will be interviewed in person at the office.

Engineer Training Requests – Turned over to Commissioner Davenport.

New Business: (Holiday Schedule for the Paid Staff)

The schedule will remain the same, however the paid staff did reach out to the Director in regard to a new Holiday recently added to the State. That Holiday is Juneteenth, which is a State Holiday, to be celebrated on the third Friday of every June. The Board decided not to include this Holiday in the schedule.

An additional meeting was scheduled to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Norman R. Stelling  
Secretary/Clerk of the Board