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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 Vice President Robert Hendrickson

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 – Absent
Vice President – Hendrickson – Present
Secretary – Stelling - Present
Treasurer – Miles – Present
Commissioner – Curtis – Present
Also, present Director Bill Newberry

Director Newberry reported on the following items.

Still having a problem with Mr. Shrimp washing their kitchen equipment in the parking lot causing a grease billed up in the drainage pit. Director Newberry is going to call the owner of Mr. Shrimp again, and discuss the on-going problem. Both buildings, 18th avenue and Hwy 71 have no issues. There had been some discussion between the fire company members about an underground heating system for the new 18th avenue fire house apron. After a brief discussion, the Board asked the House Committee to do some research into how it works and the approximate cost of a complete system.

Engine 77 has an issue with the 2 ½” cross lay. The valve has to be rebuilt, and will be completed and install later next week.

The Fire Bureau will be having a meeting later this month. Otherwise progress.

The 18th. Avenue apron project is on hold until next spring.

The rear building at the 18th avenue property is still moving forward, and it is anticipated that it will be completed late October, early November.

We have plans for the Route 71 engine room wall. Director Newberry reached out to the contractor who previously did work on the 71 house to see if he is interested in doing the project. He was away, and will talk to him when he returns. If he is not interested the Director will look into someone else.

Director Newberry has been in touch with the Chief concerning taking over NFIRS. They are going to meet and everything will be turned over to the Chief.

Director Newberry, Commissioner Hendrickson, Chief Campion and Captain Hendrickson meet to discuss the 2021 Apparatus Purchases. The new apparatus purchase that was discussed earlier by the Board, at a price of approximately \$250,000, now seems closer to \$300,000. The reason for the increase is we would be purchasing an upgraded vehicle. The bulk of the money for the purchase would come from the sale of truck 1-77 and 1-88. There will have to be further detailed research as to the what the 2021 Budget numbers and exactly what the manufactures can provide for what the Board can afford.

A meeting was held on August 31, at the Route 71 fire house to discuss the possibility of changing the February Budget election to November. Present were Director Newberry and Commissioner Stelling from our District and 2 representatives from Districts #2 and #3. There were a lot of things brought to the table and a lot of things discussed. Solicitor Sendzik gave a very good presentation about bringing the election to November. At this point the representatives from the 3 Districts agreed that they would report back to their Districts and suggest that they move the election to November. It was later reported that District 3 has passed a Resolution approving moving the election to November. Our District is next to meet and discuss the move. All three Districts have to agree to make the move. The Board of Elections reached out to Director Newberry and said they are having a meeting to discuss realigning the election districts to correspond with the Fire Districts. We will bring it up under the regular meeting to discuss taking formal action.

The Part time Administrative Assistant was advertised today. This was a position that was advertised back in January. It was advertised in the Coast Star, The League of Municipalities Website, and was sent out to all the fire chiefs in town.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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