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The regular monthly meeting of Wall Fire District No.1, Board of Fire Commissioner was called to order at 4:45 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 22, 2021*
- *Published in the Coast Star December 30, 2021*

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve the minutes of the September regular session as submitted. The motion was moved and approved with all members present voting YES.

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

**TREASURER' REPORT:** Administrator Newberry reported that as of September 30 the balance in the Operating Account was \$156,790.95. Payroll account balance was not available for the meeting. Fire Bureau account balance is \$244,260.05. A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second by Commissioner Stelling to accept the Administrator's report as submitted. The motion was moved and approved with all members present voting YES.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** No report.

## **COMMITTEES:**

1. House Report: Progress. Some modifications were done to the engineer's room at the 18<sup>th</sup> avenue firehouse.
2. Equipment: Everything is in order. The chief vehicle struck a deer on the way back from a fire call.
3. Fire Bureau: Fire Prevention presentation at the schools went very well.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A.** Sale of Surplus Property: That auction complete tomorrow at 7:00. Extraction Equipment bid at \$330.
- B.** Air / Light Unit: The project was funded today. The cab and chassis should be arriving in Pennsylvania the second week of January. Will be notified when factory is ready to start remount.
- C.** Mandatory Requirements for Fire Officers: A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second by Commissioner Hendrickson to pass the added requirements on second reading. The motion was moved and approved, with all members present voting **YES**.
- D.** Rules & Regulations of Department Officers: At this point we are going to table any changes. The fire company was able to resolve some of the internal leadership items they had concerns over. The Policy will revert back to what we passed at the May of 2021 meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Administrator Newberry met with Bob Elliott today to start working on the Budget for next year. One of the items we are going over is the Bureau of Fire Prevention on two separate items. One is increasing the annual contribution to cover some of the short falls. Items we are looking at for next year is the increase for fuel coverage. The other is an additional clerical staff for the Bureau. Another is the three Districts would like to expand the roll of the Bureau of Fire Prevention and become the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Training. All three Districts would contribute the same amount funds for training purposes. That would be for buying training materials that all three Districts would use. Right now, the discussion is to increase our Bureau contribution from \$11,000 to \$16,000 for the Code Enforcement aspect of the Bureau. At that point each District would be contribution \$16,000 to the Code Enforcement aspect of the Bureau, and the additional \$10,000 per District to be put toward the training. So, the total annual contribution would be \$26,000. The training recommendations would come from the three chiefs with the approval of the Fire Bureau Committee. We have a proposed memorandum of understanding between our District and the County of Monmouth. Mike Hines is a fire investigator for the Fire Marshalls Office. He has inquired if he can use our vehicle to fulfill those duties. A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second by Commissioner Stelling to approve the memorandum as submitted. The motion was moved and approved with all members present voting **YES**. Something else that is being investigated is, Mike Hines is a part time Fire Inspector for Sea Girt. Mike is inquiring if he could use the Bureau vehicle for Sea Girt as well. There will be a level of compensation requested by the district, which the Administrator will negotiate with Sea Girt. The next District meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Nothing to bring before the Board currently.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**GOOD OF THE BOARD:** Nothing to bring before the Board currently.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to bring before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman R. Stelling  
Secretary/ Clerk of the Board