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November 11, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of Wall Fire District No.1, Board of Fire Commissioner was called to order at 5:00 p.m. 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 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 Asbury Park Press November 17, 2022*
- *Published in the Coast Star November 17, 2022*

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: A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second by Commissioner Miles to approve the minutes of the September 21 workshop and the October 20 regular session as submitted. The motion was moved and approved with all members voting YES.

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

TREASURER' REPORT: Commissioner Miles reported that the balance in the Ocean First Operating Account was \$279,626.75, and the balance in the Investors Payroll Account was \$14,694.99. There will be a transfer of \$12,500 from the Operating Account to the Payroll Account. A motion was made by Commissioner Stelling and second by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted and the transfer of funds. The motion was moved and approved with all members voting YES.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Newberry reported that Bob Elliott and himself have been working continuously for the last few days on the 2023 Budget. Mr. Elliott will be at the December meeting

to present the final budget. There are a few projects that we are looking to do next year. One of which is the upgrade of the electrical system at the 18th firehouse. One of the problems is how the connections that supply power to the rear building were made and the modifications to the existing electrical equipment. Because of these changes the electrical system will not pass inspections with the Township. Another situation is the CT mast, although it does not present an immediate danger it does not pass present day electrical code standards. The building generator is another item because of its age should also be replaced. The right course would be to upgrade the electrical system and then purchase a generator that would be able to power everything that needs to be on emergency power. The project would be removing everything from the pole and all the present electrical equipment in the engineer's room. We have put into the capital budget, for phase one of this project \$92,000. This is something that must go out to bid, and cannot be done by inhouse personnel. We are also maintaining our usual facilities, repairs and upgrades, funding for that \$31,000. Communications upgrades is at \$27,000, that is to maintain our upgrades to the radios and computers. Turn out gear is at \$20,000. Ladder truck upgrades \$15,000. Engine 1-77 upgrade is at \$8,000. Fall protection harnesses and helmets \$6,000. Bureau of Fire Prevention is purchasing their IT System upgrades for \$16,000.

COMMITTEES:

1. House Report: Water Department came and cleaned out the basin out back. Garage doors at the 18th avenue firehouse were serviced.
2. Equipment: All seems to be fine.
3. Fire Bureau: Purchasing IT upgrades, \$16,000 has been allocated in the budget. We have received our anticipated revenue schedule from the State of NJ for our life hazard uses in the amount of \$75,555.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Sale of Surplus Property: Everything was sold. Still waiting for pickup of filing cabinets.
- B. Air/Light Unit Remount & Refurb. Cab & Chassis should be delivered in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolutions

Meetings for 2023 – The meetings will remain the same, first Thursday of the month at 7:00 & 7:30, with the exceptions the October meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday, the December meeting will be on the 7th. And there will no meeting the month of August. A motion was made by Commissioner Hendrickson and second by Commissioner Miles to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was moved and approved with all members voting **YES**.

Canceling Capital Projects – Washer/ Dryer Extractor – The purchase of the washer & dryer came in \$11,000 under budget. The monies cannot be spent on anything else, we want to cancel that and put that money into another project. We have a Resolution canceling Capital Project washer/dryer extractor. A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second Commissioner Miles to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was moved and approved with all members voting **YES**.

Enter into the NJ Coop Purchasing Alliance Coop Pricing Agreement

Enter into the NJ Edge Coop Pricing Agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Selling and second by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve the Resolutions as presented. The motion was moved and approved with all members voting **YES**.

- B. Reschedule December 2022 meeting from the 1st to the 15th at 5:00 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second by Commissioner Miles to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was moved and approved with all members voting **YES**.

Wall Township Fire District No.2 has asked if we also take on their Business Administrative Services. We would have the same agreement we have with District No.3, which is an additional \$12,800 a year for said service. They have accepted. That would be for a 5-year agreement. A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and second

by Commissioner Hendrickson to approve the Resolution to provide Business Administrative Services to Wall Township Fire District No.2. 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: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman R. Stelling
Secretary/ Clerk of the Board