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November 2, 2023**

The regular monthly workshop meeting of Wall Fire District No.1, Board of Fire Commissioner's 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 7, 2022*
- *Published in the Coast Star December 8, 2022*

ROLL CALL:

President - Davenport – Present

Vice President – Hendrickson – Present

Secretary – Stelling- Present

Treasurer – Miles – Absent

Commissioner – Curtis – Present

Administrator Newberry and Deputy Chief Logan Rogers were also in attendance.

Administrator Newberry reported on the following agenda items.

Requisitions: Requisition in the amount of \$3726.54 and that is from All Hands Fire and that is to be charged to fall protection equipment Capital Project and that is for Gemcor Harnesses.

Treasurers Report: we will be doing a transfer of \$12,000 from Operating to Payroll.

Administrative Report: Will be covered thru out the meeting.

House Report: Public Works was here again this week to pump out the rear pit. The problem is that Mr. Shrimp staff wash their kitchen equipment, and the grease goes into the pit.

Equipment:

The Ford Expedition will go to Maco for an estimate to repair body damage of the vehicle.

The Assistant Chiefs car, the Ding King is coming to remove some dents to the car.

Truck 1-77, the ongoing problem with the PTO, parts are on order.

Truck 1-89 was fixed and is back in service. There will be a work party Saturday and we will need a few members to repack the cross lays on 1-89.

Truck 1-76 we have the air brake issue. The parts are in and the quote for the repairs is \$2656.86.

Car 66 the radio went out, seems to be a battery issue. The car went through full service. The battery was checked and found to have no problem. Radio repair said the batteries are the problem and they will be replaced.

Bureau of Fire Prevention: The first reading of the revised ordinance transferring the Bureau from District 1 to District 3 was completed at the township committee meeting in October with the final reading in November. We will continue the transfer process. The next big item is transferring all the Bureau vehicles to District 3.

Air/Light Unit Remount & Refurb.: Administrator Newberry met with Campbell representative about the lettering. We will be going with the gold leaf vinyl graphics.

Station Lease Renewal: Mr. Elliott put together our budget, so we know where we are out. Further discussion under Budget.

Administrative Transfer: Administrator Newberry and Gail and the administrative staff will be transferred to District 3, effective January 1. We have a draft shared service agreement. The agreement will start on January 1, 2024, and is for qualified purchasing agent, payroll benefits administration and business administrative services. The total annual fee is \$40,000 a year, and that runs through the end of 2026.

New Business: For the Budget we are making progress. These are draft numbers.

Facility Repairs/Upgrades	\$15,000
Turnout Gear	\$15,000
Ladder Truck Upgrades	\$15,000
LDH & Accessories	\$15,000
Utility Truck Plow	\$5,000
Rescue Truck Tools	\$40,000
Squad Truck Tools	\$26,000
Command Vehicle	\$95,000
Apparatus Air Pres. System	\$10,000

There is something the Administrator would like to explore and thinks it would be beneficial. He would like to implement a stipend. It would be a paid per call system. It would be \$10 a call. Calls between midnight and 6am would be \$20 a call. Maximum pay out would be \$360 a quarter, once you reach \$360 you would be capped off. With a maximum annual payout of \$1,440. There will be parameters in place to govern who qualifies for the stipend.

The Lease, we put \$60,000 into the lease, will sit down and negotiate with the fire company. They're at \$40,000 a year right now. We're proposing a \$20,000 increase. We would like to put aside at least \$100,000 a year for the next couple of years. Doing this would put the district in better shape for when we want to purchase a new apparatus in 2030. A quick preliminary list of equipment was put together, all items may not be purchased.

Turtle EV Nozzle	Turtle Fire Systems	1	\$4,600.00
FLIR K33 TIC	All Hands Fire	1	\$3,000.00
FLIR in-Truck Charger	All Hands Fire	1	\$550.00
MSA Altair	Witmer	1	\$2,800.00
Sensit	Witmer	1	\$2,700.00
V-Watch	Witmer	1	\$430.00
AC Hot stick Voltage	Witmer	1	\$350.00
EV Blankets	All Hands	3	\$4,750.00
Foam	Continental	5	\$1,825.00
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There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Norman R. Stelling
Secretary/Clerk or the Board