

**Weymouth Township Fire District No. 1**

PO Box 175, Dorothy, NJ 08317

The Weymouth Township Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District #1 will endeavor to provide the best fire protection and emergency services possible to the residents and taxpayers of Weymouth Township and those who work and travel in the Township and every effort will be made to do so in a cost-effective manner.

**March 19, 2024 :**

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Weymouth Township was called to order by Doug Frick at 7:30 pm at the Dorothy Fire Hall located in Weymouth Township.

Public Notice of this meeting was sent to the Daily Journal for publication as prescribed by law. Notice was also posted on the Fire District website. All requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act have been achieved for this meeting in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

**Call to Order and Flag Salute 7:30**

**Roll Call:**

Tatiana Pietrosante	(present)	
Doug Frick	(present)	Chairman
Elizabeth Hand	(present)	Treasurer
Hansel Torriero	(present)	
Donnel Ruga	(present)	Secretary

Feb 2024 meeting minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting for review by all members.

Motion made to accept the minutes was made by H Torriero. Seconded by E. Hand. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report: 7:35**

Checking balance before bills: \$33,882.66 Balance after bills: \$27,677.75

Total of bills to be paid: \$6204.91

Savings balance: \$ 360,080.87

(\$62,117.89 from CD , \$ 221,400.00 from DVFC , \$ 50,000 from Ladies Aux  
all transferred into Capital savings account in prep for down payment of truck purchase)

Finance board mandated all monies be transferred into our account.

Invoice from KME for the down payment is \$330,670.00. This is half the purchase price.

When we send the payment there will be a discount of \$11,181.00 because of the size of our deposit.

Due date and contract specifics will be obtained from the lawyer's office.

~ All bills from last month have been paid.

~ FC received a check for \$408.18 from the DVFC for transport fuel cost.

~ a check in the amount of \$624.24 was found in the filing cabinet from April 17, 2018 that was never mailed by Anthony Bannister and Ralph Bernard.

~ We did receive the 4th Quarter payment from the Twp.

Explanation of bills:

~ ADS bill was for oil change in 1274

~Automotive Parts for batteries in 1275 and prior approved work.

~Dival for a hydrate wrench

~DVFC \$ 99.95 for screen protections, \$ 600.00 for Active 911 was reimbursement for credit card payment by DVFC.

~Seelman for re-repair of roof

~ Rapid tire for 4 new tires of 1276

Motion to accept the report was made by D Ruga, seconded by H Torriero and all were in favor.

Motion to pay the bills was made by D Ruga, seconded by H Torriero and all were in favor.

**Old business 7:49**

~ Local Finance Board meeting on March 13th found positive findings for the truck purchase. We will need to segregate treasurer duties moving further. A plan will be developed with the auditor and we will address it at the next meeting.

~Community Leasing Partners ( part of Commonwealth NB) was awarded the contract for truck purchase financing. Resolution 2024-6 was revisited and passed since it was done prematurely at the previous meeting.

All members voted yes and the Resolution was passed.

~ Resolution 2024-7 to hire Ford Scott CPA to perform the 2023 Audit was voted on and approved. All voted yes. Resolution passed.

~ Pad fee increase for the Oaks is projected to be .18. Still waiting for confirmation of that amount from Twp. auditor.

**New business 8:02:**

~Auditor suggestions will be followed to bring a corrective action plan to address directions from the Local Finance Board.

~ Reminder to do Financial Disclosure forms for all members.

~ Discussion held about structuring a payment plan to make truck financing payments(monthly/bi-monthly etc). Matter will be discussed further with accountant.

**Meeting opened to the public 8:15:**

Chief Hand:

~Annual inspections for all vehicles will be conducted the week of this meeting. It has been noted that the exhaust on 1270 tankers will need to be replaced.

~NJ American Rescue Plan has granted the DVFC \$35,000. With this grant and the Forest Fire grant the DVFC will be able to order 10 full turnout gear sets.

There is a potential \$75,000 AFG grant pending. If that is received the company will be able to replace all turnout gear.

Mayor Haeser: the Twp will see a tax increase of 1.8 cents. This proposal will be out forth the first week of April.

Mayor also discussed the Oaks of Weymouth committee and the Rent Control Board reorganization.

Chairman Frick asked the Chief about the status of Estell Manor FD. Chief advised he had heard they recently received a \$54,000 dollar grant for new gear. He is unsure of any further news of that department. He will reach out to Chief Collins to follow up.

**Closed meeting to the public @8:27 pm**

no action required

**Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm**

Next Meeting will be April 16, 2024 at 7pm.