

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.

December 20, 2022:

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Weymouth Township was called to order by Chairman Doug Frick at 7:33 pm at the Dorothy Fire Hall located in Weymouth Township.

Public Notice of this meeting was sent to the Atlantic City Press for publication as prescribed by law. 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 7:33

Roll Call:

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

Reorganization of the Officers: The yearly reorganization of officers was discussed. All current officers are going to stay in place as listed above. There is a need for a Vice-Chairperson to be appointed. That position placement will be postponed until Tatiana Pietrosante can be consulted. Motion to keep previous officers in place was made by H Torriero and seconded by E Hand. All present in favor.

Copies of November meeting minutes had been distributed via email for review.

Motion made to accept the November 2022 minutes made by Elizabeth Hand. Second by H. Torriero and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: 7:43PM

Copies of banking statements and list of bills to be paid out were distributed to all attending members.

Checking balance to: \$65,939.32

Savings: \$ 51,550.90

Total of bills to be paid out: \$41,254.59

Leaving a total in checking after bills pay out of \$ 24,684.73

Bills clarified:

~ The Dival bill was incorrect. The amount for the Jaws of life was less than noted. The modified balance of \$10,919.00 was noted.

~The noted bill for cash reimbursement for \$33.05 was not supposed to be presented to the Commission. It was removed.

~ The \$11,000 bill to DVFC was for payroll.

~Napa bills were all for parts for vehicle maintenance.

~ Pedroni bills are for vehicle fuels.

A motion was made to pay the bills by D Ruga, second by H. Torriero. All in attendance in favor.

Old business: 8:13pm

~ BUDGET:

Currently under review by the State. Several items were put forth for clarification:

1. The Audit and By-Laws needed to be posted on the Commission website. Chairman Frick completed.
2. A copy of the certification by the County Board of Elections stating that Commission elections are moved to November elections was needed. Treasurer Hand sent the document.
3. A copy of the full names of the recently elected officials and the election results were needed. The information was sent by E Hand.
4. The accountant was supposed to check/clarify the cap levy certification of \$0 dollars. He will take care of it.
5. A corrective action plan was sent by Treasurer Hand

~ The process of obtaining a new accountant and auditor is under way. Cheryl Ward, Ford & Scott, Martini and Martini are potential candidates at this time.

~ Questions about the Corp Code were addressed. Chairman Frick is going to attempt to make a new one.

~ Discussion was held about Anthony Bannister and the lack of any payment from the court ruling.

New business: 8:37 pm

~ 2023 meeting dates were distributed. Motion to accept the dates was made by D Ruga, seconded by H Torriero and all present were in favor.

Meeting opened to the public 8:38 pm

Chief Hand:

~ The officers for the DVFC stayed the same after elections.

~The money for 1270 new tires was previously approved but tabled due to monies being diverted to cover multiple vehicle breakdowns. Replacement is still needed. This will need to be addressed.

~ 3 trucks will need inspections in 2023. The cost for those will be approx. \$1000.00 a truck.

~ POSHA inspection that had been requested by the Chief found no violations. They did recommend laundering the turnout gear twice yearly. Also recommended was a detailed inspection of the gear be done yearly. Chief Hand is going to apply for an AFG grant to replace the old gear.

~1276 had issues with the lights. The parts have been ordered and the bill will come in Jan. 2023.

~USDA grant will be applied for to purchase new equipment for the new truck and the remaining battery powered extrication equipment that is needed.

~The DVFC will start the process of buying the new engine in Jan 2023. Information will be gathered to send to the State Finance Board for approval.

Closed meeting to the public @ 8:52 pm

~ Motion to allow for the tires of 1270 to be replaced by H Torriero, seconded by D Ruga and all were in favor. Vendor quotes are being obtained. Cost is estimated to be around \$4000.00.

Next meeting scheduled is January 17, at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM