

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.

February 20th 2024 :

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Weymouth Township was called to order by Doug Frick at 7:35 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 7:35

Roll Call:

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

January meeting minutes need corrections to the year noted for Cheryl Sayers being hired for the budget process from 2024 to 2025. The “DEP” also needs to be removed from the grant mentions for new gear. Secretary will make the changes.

Motion made to accept the minutes with revisions was made by H Torriero. Seconded by D.Ruga. All in favor.

Treasurer’s Report: 7:42

Checking balance before bills: \$14,888.55 Balance after bills: \$ see below
Total of bills to be paid: \$16,291.10
Savings balance: \$ 26,561.47 + \$60,000 in CD

- ~ Fourth quarter 2023 payment from Twp. is still outstanding.
- ~The bills for Dival safety for turnout gear will be approved for purchase but delayed until after the 4th Quarter payment from the Township.
- ~Check payment of \$1,351.11 was credited back to the Fuel account. We were billed in error.
- ~A credit was applied to the US Bank Equipment account in the amount of \$11.60.

Explanation of bills:

- ~ ADS auto bill was \$1205- brakes for 1274, other amounts were for oil changes.
- ~Dival safety bills were for Foam for the truck and turnout gear.
- ~Glenn Insurance for Treasurer bonding fee.
- ~McMahon Agency is for payment of supplemental accident coverage for members.
- ~Rapid Tire service bill is for new tires on the company pick-up truck.
- ~Woodruff Energy bills are for gas and propane deliveries.

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 H Torriero, seconded by D Ruga and all were in favor.

Old business 7:51

- ~ Per Tonya from the CPA’s office the 2024 budget was approved by the State.
- ~The Commission is still searching for an auditor for the 2024 process. Negative response from Ford Scott. Inquiry into who the Twp. uses will be made.
- ~Projected Oaks pad fee increase of \$0.18 emailed to Twp. Auditor for confirmation.

New business 7:55:

- ~Motion to cash out the CD and place money into the Capital acct.
- ~ Two bids were received to finance the fire truck purchase.
 Community Leasing Partners bid = 4.55%
 Municipal Asset Management=5.54%

Resolution 2024-3 is to authorize the appointment of Richard Braslow Esq. and Matt Jessup-paralegal to represent the Commission in the matter of purchasing the fire engine.

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| Tatiana Pietrosante | (absent) |
| Doug Frick | Yes |
| Elizabeth Hand | Yes |
| Hansel Torriero | Yes |
| Donnel Ruga | Yes |

All in favor- Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-4 is to prepare and present the application to the local finance board for the purchase of the fire engine and equipment.

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| Tatiana Pietrosante | (absent) |
| Doug Frick | Yes |
| Elizabeth Hand | Yes |

Hansel Torriero Yes
Donnel Ruga Yes

All in favor- Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-5 is to award the contract to Kovatch to provide the fire engine and equipment.

Tatiana Pietrosante (absent)
Doug Frick Yes
Elizabeth Hand Yes
Hansel Torriero Yes
Donnel Ruga Yes

All in favor-Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-6 is to award the financing contract to Community Leasing Partners.
Amount to be financed is 270,000 @ 4.55% interest.

Tatiana Pietrosante (absent)
Doug Frick Yes
Elizabeth Hand Yes
Hansel Torriero Yes
Donnel Ruga Yes

This resolution is tabled until after the meeting with the Local Finance Board.

The Secretary will attest that all paperwork is complete, accurate and true.

All Resolutions signed and will be filed.

~Secretary will draft letters for the bidders.

~ Paperwork will be scanned in by Chairman Frick and sent to the lawyer for preparation to be heard at the March Finance Board.

~Fee for lawyers representing the Commission in the purchasing process is roughly \$10,000.00.

Meeting opened to the public 8:14:

Chief Hand:

~SCBA bottles need hydrostatic testing. Tony Monfredo will be doing the testing for 30 bottles.
Fee estimate will be obtained.

~AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) - DVFC has been asked to host the meeting for this regional grant process. The grant will be written by an Absecon FF.

Chief Hand is asking for 1200 ft of 5in hose.

~ Chief requested the approval to replace the batteries in 1275. They are over 5 years old.

~ Chief requested approval to purchase pager screen protectors. ~\$100.00

~State is requiring written policies/procedures and sanitation plans for the FD building and trucks.

Approval is needed for annual heater testing in the building to keep with the plan. The building has 4 heaters. Cheapest/best solution is to have a service contract in place. Fee will be approx. \$1600.00

Trucks(3) will all also have to have annual DOT inspections. \$1200.00 per truck.

~ Chief Hand has sent a formal Mutual Aid agreement to Estell Manor FD. At this time there has been no response.

Closed meeting to the public @ 8:24pm

~Approval for purchase by FD for the following

1. Annual service contract for heaters/testing
2. batteries for 1275
3. pager protection
4. DOT inspection

Motion made to approve all purchases made by Doug Frick. Seconded by E. Hand and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27

Next Meeting will be March 19th 2024 at 7pm.