

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 17, 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 7:30

Oath of office:

The oath of office was conducted by Chairman Frick for Hansel Torriero and Michael Brandenberger.

Roll Call:

Doug Frick (present) Chairman
Elizabeth Hand (present) Treasurer
Hansel Torriero (present)
Donnel Ruga (present) Secretary
Michael Brandenberger (present)

November 2024 meeting minutes were distributed for review via email prior to meeting. Members approved.

Motion to approve made by Hansel Torriero and seconded by Donnel Ruga . All in favor.

~Budget discussion with accountant Tonya Devito:

- Proposed budget was distributed to members for review prior to meeting
- Budget will increase 1% to make up for not taking the ratables for 2022,2023,2024,2025.
- \$1350.25 will be moved into the personnel equipment line item to cover yearly cost of turnout gear inspection.

Per accountant the State DCA approved the introduced budget for 2025.

Roll Call vote held to adopt the 2025 budget. The official adoption form was signed by the secretary and will be submitted to the State by the accountant. It will also be posted to the State and Commission websites.

Accountant will also need the official Election results from Nov. 2024 once we receive them from the Board of Elections.

Doug Frick (yes) Chairman
Elizabeth Hand (yes) Treasurer
Hansel Torriero (yes)
Donnel Ruga (yes) Secretary
Michael Brandenberger (yes)

~ Reorganization of the Commission offices was discussed. Motion made by Hansel Torriero to keep the officers as noted above. Motion seconded by D Ruga and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: 7:50

Checking balance before bills: \$72,263.22 Balance after bills: \$56,039.32
Total of bills to be paid: \$16,223.90 Savings balance: \$ 64,433.08

- ~Bound tree did not receive check check number #924 for \$1346.29 that was sent in Sept. Treasurer Hand stopped the check and reissued it. There was a \$35.00 fee from the bank assessed to stop the check.
- ~ Copiers Plus did not receive check number #926 for \$56.00. Old check was voided and a new check was reissued by the Treasurer.
- ~ Active 911 bill was paid by the DVFC so the commission will reimburse them. \$630.00 for the annual paging fee.
- ~ Hamilton Fire bill for \$415.50 was added to the bills for the month. This is for the annual maintenance agreement
- ~ Added bill for M.S.& B attorney fees from the truck purchase for \$2,752.78
- ~ Bound Tree was for EMS supplies
- ~Riggins was for fuel
- ~SJ Welding was for 02
- ~Dival Safety is the payment for the approved POs from last month
- ~ Napa bill for replacement batteries on tender 1270
- ~Suburban Propane is the new vendor with the state contract
- ~ Verizon bill is modified from \$691.86 to \$179.00 due to Verizon inaccurately billed the Commission for a router that was supposed to be billed to the DVFC.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Donnel Ruga and seconded by Hansel Torriero.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Donnel Ruga and seconded by Hansel Torriero.

Old business 8:05 : No new old business

New business 8:05

~ Motion made to keep the meeting schedule for 2025 to remain on the third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30pm. Schedule will be posted to the Commission website. Motion made by Michael Brandenberger and seconded by Elizabeth Hand. All were in favor.

~Email (WTfiredistrictmember1@gmail.com) that was previously used by Tatiana Pietrosante will be transferred to be utilized by Michael Brandenberger.

~Money transfers within the 2024 line items are listed as noted below:

\$1,000 from Building maintenance and \$500 from Heating Fuel will be transferred to Professional Services to cover the legal fees paid this month.

Motion made by Hansel Torriero to transfer as noted. Seconded by Michael Brandenberger. All in favor.

Meeting opened to the public 8:22

Chief Hand:

~ Requested to have EMS salaries remainder of \$10,000 to be transferred to the DVFC.

~ Progress is being made with the remodel of the meeting room.

~ New truck may be ready as early as June.

~DVFC has added an interhospital transport contract with Atlanticare.

~ Payment for new truck will be due in March (annual payments)

~Mass casualty drill at the school went very well.

Closed meeting to the public @ 8:32 pm

no action required

Meeting adjourned at @8:32 pm

Next Meeting will be Jan. 21, 2025 at 7pm.