

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.

September 15th, 2023:

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Weymouth Township was called to order by Doug Frick at 7:31 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 7:31

Roll Call:

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

August meeting minutes were read by the secretary, and reviewed.

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

Treasurer's Report: 7:34

Checking balance before bills: \$23,565.50 Balance after bills: \$13,612.00

Total of bills to be paid: \$9,953.50

Savings balance: \$ 6,560.69 + \$60,000 in CD

Explanation of bills:

~Ace plumbing for parts for building maintenance.

~ADS was for repair of 1276

~AC firefighters assoc was for fire school uniforms

~Jacob Campsmith was for EMT training. Was initially approved in Jan but he never received the check so it was reissued.

~Dival was for turnout gear for Colton Denney

~DVFC was for boat training

~Doug Frick check was for reimbursement for payment of Go Daddy website bill.

~Hainesport was for repairs to the pick up transmission and 1276.

~ Napa for bulbs and maintenance parts

Two bills were added to typed list:
Copier Plus for \$33.90
Dish Network for \$95.80

Treasurer reports the profit/loss sheet was done to send to accountants.

Last month Chairman Frick overlooked a check to be signed. He spoke to the bank to give verbal permission to pay out the check made out to DVFC for 11,000.

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 7:43:

~ E Hand is still trying to connect with Melissa Ford at the state to see the status of the state budget.

~ Atlantic County Board of Elections sent proof of ballot question for Nov election. Chairman Frick reviewed and returned.

~ Audit is being completed for the Oct deadline.

~ Chief Hand spoke to the lawyer handling the truck purchase. Looking into if KME is part of a co-op and impact that may have on the bidding process.

New business 7:50:

none

Meeting opened to the public 7:51:

Chief Hand:

~ Asking for the \$12,000 previously approved for the purchase of the battery operated JAWS whos delivery is delayed can be tabled and that money from the Equipment/Vehicle line item be used to purchase a NFPA approved washing machine to clean turnout gear. Smallest one available is \$5099.00.

~ Five public meetings will be held to explain the new truck process for purchase.

- Acorn Assoc. on Oct 2 at 7pm
- Belcoville Nov. 1 at 7pm
- Weymouth Twp Municipal building Nov. 2 at 7pm
- Oaks Nov 3 at 4pm and 7pm

Discussion held about other ways to get info out to the public before the election. A Robocall through the Twp. and letter with the donation drive were options.

~Building roof needs to be repaired due to leaking around the chimney. Estimate to repair by E Seelman is around \$2200.

~ Chief asking for approval to purchase up to no more than \$3,000 for the new LED lights. Replacement of old fluorescent bulbs has shown significant savings in other areas of the building. The Fire Commission will need to start an account with Colonial Electric to receive improved pricing through the municipal contract. E Hand will handle making the account.

~ Chief requesting a new set of turnout gear to be purchased. Cost of \$2,880. To be taken from equipment/personnel line items.

~ Chief is working on the County Fuel program. For next year's budget the FC will create the account. There will be a process in place for fuel usage by any transport truck to be reimbursed by the Fire Dept.

~ 1271 will be moving to the Belcoville station as soon as the jaws equipment comes in.

~Mutual aid agreement to be signed next month by Milmay. Then hopefully Estell Manor after.

~Questions were raised by the public in regard to the purchase of the new fire truck. Chief Hand and Chairman Frick answered.

~ Questions raised about the audit being on the FC website. Chairman Frick advised how to find it on the site.

~ Questions about the status of the Estell Manor FD. Discussion held.

~ Public accolades for the Chief were given for being so dedicated to the community.

Closed meeting to the public @ 8:43pm

~ Approval needed for funding of the following as discussed previously.

-roof repair ~ 2200 from building maintenance

-washer 5100 from equip/vehicles

-lights up to 3000 from building maintenance

-turnout gear 2880 from equip/personal

Motion to approve purchases made by E Hand, seconded by D Ruga and all in favor.

Next meeting scheduled is Oct 17, 2023 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:45