

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.

October 15, 2024 :

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Weymouth Township was called to order by Doug Frick at 7:32 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 7:36

Roll Call:

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

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

Motion to accept made by Elizabeth Hand and seconded by Hansel Torriero . All in favor.

~Budget discussion with accountant Tonya Devito:

- Cap will stay below 2%
- Preliminary numbers from Chief Hand distributed to Commision and Acct.
- Tonya asked for % of yes votes from the election to approve truck purchase. Chairman will obtain.
- \$5,155 left the the cap bank levy (2022) was discussed and options will be considered
- Vehicle list needs to be checked by Chief Hand
- First truck payment will be due in March 2025(\$34,185.48)
- Proposed increase of \$1,000 each year to Capital over the next ten years will allow for the tanker refurbish process.
- Ford Scott fee will increase 10% next year
- Tonya will work the numbers and return to the next meeting.
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Treasurer's Report: 7:59

Checking balance before bills: \$82,688.13 Balance after bills: \$73,172.37

Total of bills to be paid: \$9,515.76 Savings balance: \$ 29,431.48

Deposits made : \$33,322.50 from the Township (taxes/oaks fees)
\$492.40 fuel reimbursement from Fire Company
\$ 5.80 refund from US Bank

- ~ McMahon Insurance sent us a check by mistake that was meant for Weymouth Fire. Check will be returned.
- ~ Community Oil bills had some discrepancies. Treasurer spoke with the them and believes it has been squared away
- ~ Chairman will look into the affidavit of publication of the audit certification.
- ~ Current budget line for Personnel equipment is still waiting for the state grant to pay out. That line item is currently in the negative -2507.00
- ~Discussion held about the legal fees from the truck purchase. We may need to move monies around to cover in Nov.
- ~ SJ Welding acct has a \$222.00 credit. Will be used for future bills.

Explanation of bills:

- ~Bound Tree was EMS supplies
- ~Clean Energy is for solar/electric
- ~ Atlantic County FF assoc was for the live burn training
- ~Dorothy Gale Roofing was for second repair of the firehouse roof
- ~Riggins was for fuel
- ~SJ Welding was for 02
- ~VCI bill 3,725.91 was for AC repair of 1273, second bill for 549.67 is an electrical issue that the Chief is going to discuss with them because it should be covered with warranty. That bill will be held for payment.

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

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

Old business 8:18

- ~ Election in Nov will show Hansel Torriero on the ballot for re-election.
- Commissioner Tanya Pietrosante will not be on the ballot due to paperwork not being completed.
- Michael Brandenburger will be put forth as a write-in candidate.

New business 8:20

- ~ Chairman Frick advised that neither he nor the secretary have received any communication from Tanya Pietrosante in regard to her being absent from the last three meetings, and failure to complete election paperwork.

Chairman Frick called to vacate Commissioner Pietrosante from her position due to the violation of Bi-Law Article 3 paragraph 4:

Any elected member of the Weymouth Township Fire District #1 who misses three(3) consecutive meetings without notifying either the Chairman or Secretary may be dismissed from

the Commission by the remaining members. In Order for the Commission to dismiss an elected member after missing three meetings, the majority vote must be at least sixty-six percent of the remaining members.

Motion was made to remove Tatiana Pietrosante from her position by Elizabeth Hand. It was seconded by Donnel Ruga and all present members voted in the affirmative.

Secretary Ruga will draft a letter of notification on business letterhead and send it to Tatiana Pietrosante in a timely fashion.

Question was raised as to if T. Pietrosante completed her Financial Disclosure Form for the State.

Meeting opened to the public 8:27

Chief Hand:

~ Requested money for 4 new pagers, new lights, and several other items. He will provide a PO for the requested items by the next meeting. Cost will be approx. \$11,000 and the commission will have to look at available monies in line items that have been unused next month to cover.

~ New truck production is moving along nicely. Projected date for delivery is Nov 2025.

~ Ladies Aux. made at approximately \$15,000 at the Bag Bingo held recently

Closed meeting to the public @ 8:31 pm

no action required

Meeting adjourned at @8:31 pm

Next Meeting will be Nov 19th, 2024 at 7pm.