

Weymouth Township Fire District No. 1
PO Box 227, 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.

August 17, 2021:

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Weymouth Township was called to order by Chairman Frick at 7:41pm 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.

Roll Call:

Tatiana Pietrosante (arrived approx. 8pm)
Doug Frick (present)
Elizabeth Hand (present)
Hansel Torriero (present)
Donnel Ruga (present)

Motion to accept minutes from the July meeting made by Elizabeth Hand,
2nd Hansel Torriero
All in favor.

Chairman Frick called for the reorganization of the board.
Nominations made:
Chairman- Doug Frick
Treasurer- Elizabeth Hand
Secretary- Donnel Ruga

Motion to approve nominations made by Donnel Ruga,
2nd Elizabeth Hand,
All present in favor

Treasurer's Report:

Reading of bills due for payment.
Copies of treasurer's report and bank statements distributed. Total to be paid out \$5399.93.
Account balances as of 7/30/21:
checking ending #6613 is \$59,733.38
savings ending #6237 is \$41,531.51

Changes made:
~ Bill noted for Go Daddy.com is actually for Dish Network. Change noted.

~ A bill for US Bank for the copier contract was added for \$144.10 (total for July and August bills) bringing the total for bills to be paid out to \$5,544.03

Motion to accept treasurers report, changes noted and to pay bills made by Donnel Ruga,
2nd: Hansel Torriero
All in favor

Old business: 7:57 pm

~Anthony Bannister plead guilty on 8/16/21. Sentencing to be on Sept. 20, 2021. Recommendation will be for restitution and probation for 5 years. Discussion held about the process of restitution. Money will be paid back as he can afford. The Veteran diversion program was still on the table but Mr. Bannister has yet to offer proof of military service to the Prosecutors Office. Mr. Bannister claims during hearing that he doesn't recall ever taking said monies.

~Accountant Matt Preziosi reports that the audit should be complete by Sept. 1, 2021.

~ Quicken books issue is being looked into further by Treasurer Hand to see if the Fire Commission and Fire Dept. can share the platform and simply have two different companies on the same iCloud version of the account.

~ Treasurer Hand will begin researching computers to purchase for her to utilize.

Old business closed at 8:18

New business: 8:18

~ Discussion held about the Go Daddy website issue with payment. Ralph Bernard needed to be removed from account and Doug Frick added. Issue was resolved by opening a debit card for the purpose of paying this bill of \$180.00.

Motion made by Tanya Pietrosante to pay the bill, seconded by Hansel Torriero and all in favor.

~ Discussion of upcoming budget process. The Commission will compile a list of questions about the process and timeline then forward to Melissa at the State for clarification.

Meeting opened to the public 8:30pm

Chief Hand-

~ Request made for two small purchase approval to not exceed \$500.00

Items needed are cleaning supplies and premixed gasoline for the 2 cycle engines.

Approval given

~ Discussion about the major purchases that will be made this year:

4 mobile radios will be needed to switch to 700mhz.

3 to be bought by the Fire Commission and 1 by the Fire Dept.

Chief is looking to use the funds from the vehicle equipment budget line. Purchase can wait until October.

~Next year portable radios will be purchased for the officers and then the switch to 700mhz will be complete.

~ Discussion was held about an ambulance purchase. Research will be done to determine best course of action. Should we buy a Braun demo model or have 1274 refurbished.

How use of Cares money and capital funds will impact this purchase were all discussed.

Chief Hand also discussed using capital funds to pay off the outstanding balance on the building; then all funds received from the cellular tower will go toward this purchase.

~ 1272 nozzles will need to be updated. Chief is hoping to utilize end of year monies leftover to pay for this service. The bill is expected to be approximately \$2600.00.

Closed meeting to the public @ 9:01

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm