

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.

July 20, 2021:

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Weymouth Township was called to order by Chairman Frick at 7:39 pm 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	(absent)
Doug Frick	(present)
Elizabeth Hand	(present)
Hansel Torriero	(present)
Donnel Ruga	(present)

Due to Secretary Pietrosante's absence Donnel Ruga will be acting as secretary.

- June 2021 minutes were distributed, reviewed and a motion was made by Hansel Torriero to accept the minutes with no changes. Elizabeth Hand seconded. All present voted affirmative.

~ note made that we are still waiting for the completed minutes for Feb 2021, April 2021 and May 2021 to be submitted for review by Secretary Pietrosante.

-Committee reorganization is tabled until Chairman Frick can speak with Mrs. Pietrosante and determine her intent to stay on as secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

- Copies of treasurer's report and bank statements distributed. Balance of savings \$ 41,530.49, checking \$ 28,404.26

Note made by Treasurer Hand that there was a glitch in the print out of the report and some of the check pictures are not present but that the account is balanced as noted correctly with all noted checks clearing.

Reading of bills due for payment. Adjustments made to bill total since the noted bill to Mid Atlantic Fire and Air was a quote and is currently on hold. Adjusted total to be paid out is \$13,424.26. (Initially 16,092.26)

-Motion to accept treasurers report and pay out bills made by Donnel Ruga. 2nd: Hansel Torriero
All in favor

Old business:

-Anthony Bannister court case has been postponed again to August 16th.

-Chairman Frick discussed with the Acorn association if it would be possible to get a letter placed in their newsletter to the Oaks community in regard to the pad fee increase. The Acorn Association denied that request and directed Chairman Frick to try the Hometown America local news letter instead. He will follow up.

-Chairman Frick sent an email to state employee Melissa Ford in reference to having a zoom tutorial to learn more about the budget process for the committee. He has yet to hear back.

-Chairman Frick question the status of repairs to 1274 and 1276.

Chief Hand responded:

1274- parts are ordered and crews will take care of repair

1276- AC leak is repaired and AC recharged

-Chief Hand also noted that a positive pressure fan that needed repair was fixed. The repair was completed and cost was covered by the Ruga family.

New Business:

- Discussion of change of municipal service fee increase to the Oaks community was held.

Last change in fee was noted to be in 2015. Fee will increase from a monthly fee of \$3.00 to \$3.75 per home in the Oaks. Change will take affect Jan 1, 2022.

Resolution was read in full. See attached document. Motion was made by Chairman Frick to vote on the resolution.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Tatiana Pietrosante – absent

Doug Frick- yes

Elizabeth Hand- yes

Hansel Torriero- yes

Donnel Ruga- yes

Resolution= passed

Changes will be made on the resolution to show Donnel Ruga as assistant secretary and signed form will be forwarded to the Township as soon as possible.

Old/New Business portion of meeting closed 8:02

Meeting opened to the Public at 8:03pm

Chief Hand:

- 1272 pump repair scheduled for later in July. Estimated cost around \$2500.00

- Ladder on 1270 is in need of repair. It is still safe to use but will need fixed. Chief Hand will add it in on a future repair call.

- Laury Heating/AC was called in to repair AC in old portion of the fire house.

- The Stryker stretcher battery charger needs to be addressed. Quotes to be obtained.

- EMS crews started doing interhospital transports for Inspira Health System last week, a flat rate will be billed to Inspira per hour worked by the crews. Patient billing will be handled by Inspira.

- EMS crews were given raises.
Weekly hours will be paid \$16/hr. and weekends \$18/hr. Chief Hand is trying to bring salaries in line with surrounding area employers. Hope is to further increase with revenue gained from interhospital transports.

- Management is also working on obtaining contract to provide stand by services for soccer league in Waterford. Pay will be \$65/hr. Patients transported will also be billed.

- Chief is working hard to find ways to increase worker salaries without burdening the tax payers.

- Chief Hand asked about possibility of using the commissions QuickBooks account to decrease cost of expensive upgrades that are needed. Discussion held about how that process would work and that the accounts would fall under one entity but have separate business accounts that cannot be accessed but the other account. Chairman Frick will ask state if that is feasible.
Tabled until next month.

- Chief states that Estell Manor did approach him as say that they will be willing to donate some CARES money toward the cost of a new ambulance. Discussion held on CARES money and what it can be spent on.

Mayor Haeser:

- Discussed Weymouth Twp joining a county wide court system. Projected start date is Jan 1, 2022.

Closed meeting to the public @ 8:23.

No further business

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm