

**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.

**February 21 ,2023:**

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Weymouth Township was called to order by Donnel Ruga at 7:30pm 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.

**Call to Order and Flag Salute 7:30**

**Roll Call:**

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

Copies of Jan 2023 meeting minutes had been distributed via email for review.

Motion made to accept the January 2023 minutes made by H. Torriero. Second by E. Hand and all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report: 7:35PM**

Copies of banking statements and list of bills to be paid out were distributed to all attending members.

Checking balance: \$ 29,566.90  
Savings: \$ 66,554.02  
Total of bills to be paid out: \$6,642.70  
Leaving a total in checking after bills pay out of \$ 22,924.20

Bills clarified:

- ~ ADS auto was for 1273 & 1274 oil changes
- ~ Angie Saldana-Pena & Scott Mitchell were reimbursed for EVOC training.
- ~ Dival bill was for suspenders and annual flow test for air packs.

~Stryker was for stretcher repair on 3 stretchers.

~Woodruff Oil was for propane and heating oil as well as past due bills.

~US Bank was for the copier

Motion to accept the treasure report and pay the bills was made by D. Ruga and Seconded by H. Torriero.

All in attendance in favor.

### **Old business: 7:43pm**

~ BUDGET:

Currently still under review by Zach Smith at the State. Treasurer Hand is having some issue with getting information that the state is requesting. She will try to contact Melissa Ford at the state and clarify what is needed.

~ Treasurer Hand has been gathering cost information from Ford Scott(not received yet) and Martini & Martini (\$5,000) for the audit to be completed. Hiring will be postponed until next meeting.

### **New business: 7:53 pm**

~ No new business

### **Meeting opened to the public 7:54pm**

Chief Hand:

~ Currently the FD is dealing with an issue with the supplemental insurance for employees. There is an issue with covering paid employees vs. volunteers. This issue was identified because of an injury to an employee that required her to be seen in ED and miss work time. Chief will keep us posted.

~ AFG micro grant was completed and the FD is awaiting response. This grant is for turn out gear. There is a projected 12-14% increase in turnout gear cost that is coming this spring. Chief Hand requested \$10,000 from the equipment line item budget. This would be used to order the needed gear now ahead of the cost increase. Delivery will take time. This money will cover what the grant does not.

Motion made by E Hand to allow the expense and order the needed gear. H Torriero seconded and all in favor.

~ Two meetings have been held with the new truck committee. KME was given the requested specifications and we are now waiting for the quote to compare with other companies.

~ Ladies Aux. was going to spend money on a new pick up truck but after talking with the FD they are now shifting that allocated money to the new engine fund.

~ Chief Hand gave the Commissioners copies of the FD proposed budget for 2023.

~ EMFD reportedly received the concerns raised last month and are actively working to resolve them.

**Closed meeting to the public @ 8:27pm**

~ No further action required

Next meeting scheduled is March 21, 2023 at 7pm

**Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM**