

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MIDDLE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 8th, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of Middle Township was held on this date at the FireHouse, 112 Hand Ave., Cape May Court House, New Jersey. The following members of the Commission were present, Craig Mericle, Keith Arenberg,, Michael McNult , Lewis Hand and Phil Woodrow . This meeting is a public meeting held in compliance with P.L. 1975 (commonly referred to as the "Sunshine Law") and has been appropriately advertised. Exits have been indicated in compliance with the New Jersey State Fire Code.

A Special Meeting was held at 7:00pm to adopt the 2024 Budget. There was no public input at this time. **Resolution 2023-01:** Authorization to adopt the 2024 Fire District #1 Budget was passed by all Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Michael McNulty opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M., inviting those in attendance to join him in saluting the flag.

Commissioner Mericle presented the following treasurer's report: Operating Fund: \$734,524.44. On a motion of Commissioner Arenberg, seconded by Commissioner Hand, the treasurer's report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

The monthly bills were presented. The bills totaled \$60,471.51 Dec. 16-31, \$46,662.77 Jan. 1-15 \$13,808.74. Commissioner Hand moved the bills to be paid. Commissioner Woodrow provided a second to the motion, which was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

The monthly report from the Bureau of Fire Prevention for Districts #1, #3 and #4 was received and made a part of these minutes. Also received was the Certified List of qualified volunteers for 2019 LOSAP Award Program. Scott Bond issued a Call Report for the year 2023. Virginia Westerland (Fire Official) gave her resignation; her last day will be February 12, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The 2024 Fire Protection Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Volunteer Fire Company No.1 was signed by both parties. There were two resolutions passed.

- 1) Resolution 2024-02: Approving and Authorizing Execution of Fire Protection Agreement.
- 2) Resolution 2024-03: Establishment of Salaries and Hourly Wages / Ranges for Full and Part Time Positions for Fiscal Year 2024

PUBLIC INPUT

Chief McCann thanked the Board of Commissioners for the increase in the Stipend Program

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Commissioners went into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the Fire Official Position.

There being no further business brought before the Commission, on a motion of Commissioner Hand, seconded by Commissioner Trombetta, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith P. Arenberg, Clerk

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