

**MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2010**

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was called to order by Commissioner JC Kenny at 6:05 P.M.

The Clerk read the "Open Meeting Act" requirements.

Comm. JC Kenny led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for departed members.

Comm. JC Kenny stated that he received a phone call from Comm. Gardner and he cannot make the meeting until 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Comm. JC Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Howell, Gould: Present. Comm. Gardner: arrived at 7:08 p.m.  
Attorney-Greg Goodman and Clerk-John Ur: Present.  
Attorney-Eric Bernstein: Present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Comm. JC Kenny reported that there will be discussions with regard to 2011 contract negotiations between the Board and Local 290.

**MOTION IN** by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor at 6:05 P.M.

**MOTION OUT** by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor at 7:05 P.M.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that during executive session there were discussions regarding contract negotiations between the Board and the Local. No formal actions.

**MOTION** to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of May 5, 2010, as written made by Comm. Patrick Kenny, seconded by Comm. Howell, all in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** Comm. Howell reported that one firefighter is still waiting for doctor's note. Another had surgery and is in the process of getting a doctor's appointment. Firefighters are in the process of taking vacations. Transferring the new firefighters after the 7<sup>th</sup>. Postings are up and will be collected on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**EQUIPMENT & PURCHASING:** Comm. JC Kenny reported monthly janitorial supplies. Regular maintenance on equipment and hose testing is set up for August.

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**BUILDING & RADIOS:** Comm. Patrick Kenny reported normal janitorial supplies. High band pagers came in today. The Capt. who is in charge of compliance is putting bar codes on and then will hand over to Chief to be given out to volunteers.

**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:** Comm. Gould gave the reports for the month of May 2010 submitted by Fire Lt. Keith Repace, copies on file in the F.P.B.

**HYDRANTS:** Comm. Patrick Kenny reported that he and the Fire Official met with the water company regarding the high school proposal. Hedel Mystry no longer works there. Met with Dave Andovich. He has a whole different proposal that he and Izzy are putting together. They will call for a meeting, as soon as done. He doesn't like how Hedel had things. Should give us better protection at W. Prospect, the high school, library and health center. They are still waiting on Conrail with regard to the Motiva project. Cleaning and relining is scheduled for July in Sewaren.

Comm. Gould thanked Comm. Patrick Kenny for standing in for him.

**SAFETY:** Comm. JC Kenny reported that he will talk to the Chief tonight to set date for a meeting this month.

**LIAISON TO FIRE CO:** Comm. Gardner reported that he spoke to the volunteers again regarding the explorer program to make sure everyone is on board. Will get more information from other companies and handle insurance and report back. Asked about interior certification. Comm. JC Kenny stated that he owes him an answer on that. The company talked about participating in the street fair and sharing a table with FPB. The Board agreed. The volunteer website is continuing to move forward. Mike Hapstack put some pictures up. Spoke about disposable gloves and shoulder straps. Asked the Chief if new members are given a set of wrenches, ropes, flashlights, etc. Chief stated no. Comm. Gardner asked the Board to look into.

**The report of PAYROLL and BILLS for May 2010:**

Payroll: \$242,112.57 Bills: \$ 296,830.04

Comm. Patrick Kenny reported two add-on bills; custodial fees for primary election on next Tuesday and Knot Just Bagels (not to exceed \$400.) from February for the Mayor's breakfast that was never paid.

**MOTION** authorizing checks for payroll and vouchers approved by the Board, including the add-ons was made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould. Comm. Gardner voted no on custodial bill.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** as of June 2, 2010, read by Mr. Ur (see attached).

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**MOTION** to accept the Treasurer's report as read by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor.

Comm. Gardner thanked John and Maria for breakdown on bill list (budget vs. actual) and will talk to them during the week with any questions.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** John Ur reported that all communications were passed on to the Board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Comm. Patrick Kenny reported a First Aid Squad meeting next week. Comm. Patrick Kenny has commitments next week. Asked Comm. Gardner to meet. Comm. Gardner will talk to Comm. Patrick Kenny after the meeting.

**MOTION** to accept the LOSAP list that has been posted, made by Comm. Patrick Kenny, seconded by Comm. Howell. All in favor. Comm. Gardner and Comm. Howell abstained from themselves.

Comm. Gardner asked about the paid department and EMT certification. Comm. Howell reported progress and will bring up at next meeting.

Greg Goodman reported that he spoke with two attorneys at County Council regarding the anonymous letter. They do not have a copy and never even heard of such a letter.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that Birdsall is still trying to get PSE&G to put the meter in. They have been trying for 60 days. We cannot get the BPU in until that system is working. As soon as he hears something, he will get the word out to the Board.

Comm. JC Kenny stated that he gave a copy of the energy audit to everyone. Asked the Board to review. Basically, the boiler is 42 years old. Come back next meeting with suggestions.

Comm. Gardner stated it's a good study. Was thinking about the consolidation study and we need to be in tune in going forward with the township or other fire districts before we spend money on upgrades. Asked for discussions before voting on purchase.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Comm. Gardner questioned the minutes motion of last month's meeting. Comm. Howell stated it should state as "rewritten" to include what Comm. Gardner suggested.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that the State has passed the 1.5% contribution requirement towards health benefits. We have two choices. For all non-represented employees, we can either wait for the termination of the contract and with the new contract starting in 2011 all employees will pay towards state health benefits at that time or we can require that the non-represented employees begin paying immediately for their State health benefits. **MOTION** for non-represented employees to start contributing 1.5% the first pay week in July with the stipulation that if the terms and conditions of the contract have more of a co-payment, then the non-represented employees would also pay the

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negotiated payment, made by Comm. JC Kenny, seconded by Comm. Howell. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Comm. Gardner: Yes, Comm. Gould: Yes, Comm. Howell: Yes, Comm. JC Kenny: Yes, Comm. Patrick Kenny: Yes. All in favor.

Comm. JC Kenny reported on Employee #1820's annual increase. Due to the uncertainty of not knowing whether the Budget is going to be capped at 2.5% or 4%, feels it would be in the best interest of the Board to give 0%. **MOTION** to give Employee #1820 -0%, made by Comm. Gardner, seconded by Comm. Howell. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Comm. Gardner: Yes, Comm. Gould: Yes, Comm. Howell: Yes, Comm. JC Kenny: Yes, Comm. Patrick Kenny: Yes. All in favor.

John gave report on the accident and sickness policy that was to be renewed 5/25. Had received word from JIF that it may have been redundant coverage and to consider not renewing. We have subsequently received word from JIF that they might have mis-spoken. Therefore, would like to reinstate the policy as quickly as possible. **MOTION** to reinstate the accident and sickness policy and pay the annual premium of \$7,054. made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould. All in favor.

Comm. Gardner asked about coverage. John stated that he cannot say why JIF didn't think we needed it. The coverage is for people like the volunteers who go to a parade. The coverage is limited through JIF for those kinds of events.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that The Club at Woodbridge has some exercise equipment and wants to know if we are interested. Will have Maria send out the list. Comm. Howell stated that we need to see if we have room.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that the Hero campaign is in full motion and will pass along bumper stickers and information.

**REMARKS, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Rob Foerch

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
May Calls	48	59
Y-T-D Calls	447	271

-Had 2 fires since last meeting. Everyone did an excellent job. Two good stops. Thanked everyone.  
-Asked about pumps. We need pumps to be prepared for hurricane season. Comm. Gardner reported that he is working with Rich Kozub, who has helped with grants in the past. Will set up meeting with himself, Mr. Kozub and Chief to meet with Congressman Lance's personnel. After meeting will talk to department about needs and types of grants that are available.

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Resident, Colette Kunkel, spoke about her house fire on Friday evening. Expressed her gratitude for professionalism and kindness. Comm. JC Kenny thanked her for coming out to express her gratitude.

Bruce Horvath - Glad to see Comm. Gardner working on grants. Can find grants on firefighter.com. Asked Comm. JC Kenny about Budget cuts. Comm. JC Kenny still owes him that. He was at the meeting as a Woodbridge firefighter, protecting his job as a County employee. There was a letter. He can only tell the Board where they told him the letter was going. He is supposed to get a copy of it and he will bring to the Board.

Comm. Gardner stated that we tried to get the letter. Originally, Mr. Horvath spoke about LOSAP, the volunteer company and the Board. It seems that the letter is about Mr. Horvath and his employer. There have been no inquiries on our end and has nothing to do with us.

Mr. Horvath stated that it was an anonymous letter that was sent. The information that was in that letter (a copy of the bill list with arrows pointing to his name) about him getting paid by supposedly working with the County on election day, 2/20. It mentioned him making telephone calls and going to the other polling place while working for the County, which are lies. It also stated that he was getting checked off illegally for LOSAP. This information could have come from nowhere but within. It went to the Attorney General's office, the Prosecutor's Office and handed to his employer. He was called in for a meeting to discuss. He read the letter. The general public could not have known this information. He asked for a copy and they told him that it was being sent to County Council.

Comm. Gardner stated that he read last year's minutes and Mr. Horvath had described his job as a custodian going back and forth from here to Sewaren.

Comm. JC Kenny stated that he personally closed out the Sewaren Library. He did not know that Mr. Horvath or whoever was to come over. He has not run an election in a long time. He was the overseer of the election. That was no fault of his or anyone else. The bottom line is that there supposedly are things in the letter that actually may put doubt that the Board of Commissioners are not doing things properly. That's where the Board voted to have the attorney look into. If Mr. Horvath can produce a copy, he can sit with the attorney and go from there. Asked that this matter be dropped from both sides until then.

Comm. Gardner stated that we have about 1,300 people vote for election. If Mr. Horvath came here with the County truck, was in uniform, etc., that's his business. To say it came internally does not make sense. The bill list is in the dugout. The minutes are in the dugout. Comm. JC Kenny stated that the bottom line is that he is not entertaining this matter anymore.

Tom Maras - Fords - complimented the fire department for outstanding response times for fire calls

and even during the rain storm. Asked if the new copier is also a scanner. Comm. JC Kenny

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responded yes. Asked about Clerk for OPRA request. Comm. JC Kenny stated that our Clerk is John Ur. Asked about price of old copier. Comm. JC Kenny stated that will go out to bid for best price. Questioned the rise in calls per Chief's report. Comm. Howell stated that during the storm on March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> answered about 195 calls.

Keith Repace - IAFF Local 290 - The Local is running a fundraiser for muscular dystrophy on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 12p.m. - 12 a.m. at the Applebee's at Woodbridge Center Mall. They will donate 10% of total bill to muscular dystrophy. Also, on June 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a bowl-a-thon at Woodbridge Bowling Alley.

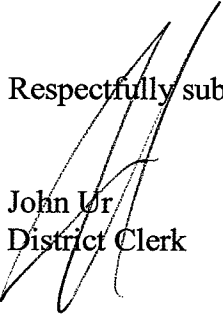
Comm. JC Kenny stated that the July meeting will be moved up to the end of June, to finalize the proposed contract negotiations between the Board and Local 290.

Comm. Gardner asked if there is any public update on State changes. Comm. JC Kenny stated that some things have come out and we will be briefed more at the next meeting.

No further business to come before the Board.

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Ur  
District Clerk

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THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT NO 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

02-Jun-10

PREVIOUS BALANCE 05/05/10	\$	1,563,425.81
DEPOSITS		1,481,122.79
PAYROLL AND RELATED TAXES		-255,847.69
CURRENT BILLS		<u>-296,830.04</u>
ENDING BALANCE 06/02/10	\$	2,491,870.87

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# WOODBIDGE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

## MONTHLY BILL LIST

June 2, 2010

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Voucher - Columbia Savings</b>				
05/19/2010	WIRE	JP Morgan Chase Bank	Bond Interest	-2,371.88
06/02/2010	10227	Catherine Crowe	Reimbursement - Health Coverage May 2010	-762.20
06/02/2010	10228	JOHN TAKACS CONSTRUC...	Rent - 400 School Street & Back Garage - June 2010	-1,875.00
06/02/2010	10229	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #10 - Passenger Side Door Hinge Repair from Wind Damage	-245.00
06/02/2010	10230	Comcast	2 - Digital Adapter Service Fee	-4.17
06/02/2010	10231	Elizabethtown Gas	Account #8116341423 - BACK GARAGE	-24.64
06/02/2010	10232	Jim'Signs	Fire Election Signs	-240.55
06/02/2010	10233	Madsen & Howell, Inc	Supplies	-218.80
06/02/2010	10234	Owen S Dunigan & Co, Inc	Clean Sewer From Storage Closet Under Stairs	-245.00
06/02/2010	10235	Sophie Bader	Reimbursement Health Benefits - May 2010	-419.88
06/02/2010	10236	Treasurer State of NJ	Fire Official - #130819 - James Boelhower	-45.00
06/02/2010	10237	Verizon	landline	-59.93
06/02/2010	10238	Xerox Corporation	Account #072350267 Base Charge - April 2010	-54.76
06/02/2010	10239	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #10 - Electrical Repairs	-2,831.22
06/02/2010	10240	Madsen & Howell, Inc	Supplies	-268.10
06/02/2010	10241	Delta Dental Plan of NJ	Group # 1063-00001 06/01/2010 TO 06/30/2010	-9,609.88
06/02/2010	10242	Genna Cleaners	2 Pants Altered for Mark Minkler	-40.00
06/02/2010	10243	Home News + Tribune	Account#076094 - Special Meeting - May 5, 2010	-9.72
06/02/2010	10244	Image First	Laundry Service	-99.46
06/02/2010	10245	Middlesex County Fire Acade...	Pump Operator - M. Barcellona	-225.00
06/02/2010	10246	Verizon	CAD	-48.23
06/02/2010	10247	Owen S Dunigan & Co, Inc	Check Leaking Water Heater	-725.00
06/02/2010	10248	Verizon	Clerk	-36.01
06/02/2010	10249	Verizon	Fire Alarm	-86.50
06/02/2010	10250	Airtec Service Inc	A/C Start-Up	-192.50
06/02/2010	10251	Bowco Laboratories Inc	Regular Service - May 2010	-35.00
06/02/2010	10252	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #10 - Replaced Q-Siren	-291.76
06/02/2010	10253	Elizabethtown Gas	Account #2164284700 - Firehouse	-479.15
06/02/2010	10254	Eugene Stolvski	Training - Presentation of Fatal Fire	-500.00
06/02/2010	10255	Herbert Lutz & Co., Inc.	Furnish & Install New Pump - Re-use Existing Hose and Nozzle from...	-1,740.00
06/02/2010	10256	Image First	Laundry Service	-99.46
06/02/2010	10257	MIDDLESEX WATER COMP...	Hydrant Bill for Month Ending May 31, 2010	-35,860.60
06/02/2010	10258	Motorola	15 - Pagers for New Trunking System	-4,035.00
06/02/2010	10259	Standard Insurance Company	Life Insurance - Policy #136829	-3,129.28
06/02/2010	10260	Treasurer State of NJ	Fire Official - #146106 - Mark Minkler	-45.00
06/02/2010	10261	Verizon Wireless - Laptop Mo...	Account #982554463-00001 - Laptop Modems	-843.01
06/02/2010	10262	Water Works Inc	Spring Start-Up	-80.00
06/02/2010	10263	West Group	Account #1000452133 - Updated NJ Stat 2010 Anno T40	-115.00
06/02/2010	10264	Woodbridge Medical & Surgic...	Supplies	-53.00
06/02/2010	10265	Campbell Supply, Inc	Truck #6 - Electrical & Miscellaneous Repairs	-1,967.16
06/02/2010	10266	Gregory Goodman, Esq	Professional Services Rendered - June 2010	-3,900.00
06/02/2010	10267	John Ur	Monthly Fee - May 2010	-4,333.33
06/02/2010	10268	MIDDLESEX WATER COMP...	Account # 24-000-249-678 Water Bill	-393.92
06/02/2010	10269	Verizon Wireless	Account #585555042-00001 Cell Phones	-266.62
06/02/2010	10271	TD Equipment Finance, Inc	Ladder Truck Lease Payment	-93,023.39
06/02/2010	10272	Dorothy Wilcox	Reimbursement Health Benefits - May 2010	-419.88
06/02/2010	10273	Vision Service Plan	Vision coverage - June 2010-GRP#120784800001	-1,179.80
06/02/2010	10274	HEWLETT PACKARD COMP...	Computer Service Upgrade	-10,365.00
06/02/2010	TEPS	State of New Jersey- Health ...	Retiree Health Benefits June 2010	-12,833.35
06/02/2010	TEPS	State of NJ- Health Benefits ...	Health Benefits & Prescription Coverage - June 2010	-46,315.54
06/02/2010	10275	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #10 - Electrical Repairs	-221.12
06/02/2010	10276	J.A.B Automotive Service Ce...	2003 Dodge Durango - Rear Differential Assembly & Bearing Overhaul	-1,300.00
06/02/2010	10277	Joshua Marcus Group	Supplies	-285.00
06/02/2010	10278	Motorola	Balance Due - Watch Desk Renovation	-19,000.00
06/02/2010	10279	Postmaster-Woodbridge	1 - Rolls of Stamps	-44.00
06/02/2010	10280	Staples	supplies - Acct# 7972320000021825	-70.14
06/02/2010	10281	Aim Uniform	Uniform Purchase - R. Paul	-164.44
06/02/2010	10282	J.A.B Automotive Service Ce...	1999 Ford Expedition - Battery Replaced & Oil, Filter, & Lube	-200.00
06/02/2010	10283	Lowe's	Supplies	-131.53
06/02/2010	10284	PSE&G	Electric - Firehouse	-1,364.73
06/02/2010	10285	PSE&G	Electric - 400 School St & Back Garage	-81.80
06/02/2010	10286	VALIC.	2009 LOSAP Contribution	-30,320.00
06/02/2010	10287	Emergency Software Product...	Inventory/Maintenance Manager 4/6/2010 - 4/5/2011	-150.00
06/02/2010	10288	The Star Ledger	Special Meeting Notice & Schedule of Meetings Notice	-78.88
06/02/2010	10289	Life Insurance Company Of N...	Volunteer Life Insurance- Policy # GL-5474	-375.72
Total Voucher - Columbia Savings				-296,830.04
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