

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

John Ur, Clerk: Mr. President – All the requirements of the “Open Public Meeting Act” have been complied with by advertising in the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger. Copies of the meeting notice have been sent to the Municipal Clerk’s Office and posted on the bulletin boards of the fire house and the post offices of Woodbridge and Sewaren. Mr. President, you may proceed.

Commissioner John C. Kenny led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members and our men and women serving overseas.

PRESENT: Commissioner John C. Kenny, Commissioner Richard Gould,
Commissioner Patrick Kenny, Commissioner Ken Gardner
ABSENT: Commissioner Todd Howell
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney – Gregory Goodman
Clerk – John Ur

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 5th, 2011 Regular Meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Richard Gould and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Any questions on the minutes? Okay, Committee Reports – Personnel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL:

Commissioner J.C.K.: Under Personnel, they’re getting ready for wrapping up on their vacations and looking over the holiday session coming up. That’s all I have under Personnel. Anybody got any questions for that? Okay, Equipment and Purchasing.

EQUIPMENT AND PURCHASING:

Commissioner K.G.: Under Equipment we had the pm done on the truck and also have some new tires on the middle axel. All the equipment is back in service and I guess under Purchasing all the normal supplies purchased.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, anybody got any questions for that?

Commissioner P.K.: Nope.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, Fire Prevention Bureau.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:

Commissioner R.G.: Progress, that's all I have to report sir.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, any questions for Fire Prevention?

Commissioner P.K.: Just one, I commend the Fire Prevention Bureau and the volunteers for the open house. We had a very big turnout. I just want to thank everybody that put everything together.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Alright, Hydrants.

HYDRANTS:

Commissioner P.K.: Hydrants, progress. Everything is about the same from last month. The hydrant inspection progress has started. The snow this past week kind of put a damper on things but they're getting out there.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, anything for Hydrants? Okay, Safety, Commissioner Gardner.

SAFETY:

Commissioner K.G.: Under Safety, and I'll do radios as well, we have talked about the radio chargers. I got Captain Golden looking into some pricing for us. We finally got a determination by Motorola that the older charger we have doesn't do any damage to the radios, it still charges the radios. However the newer chargers will drain down the battery periodically and recharge them which should add a little bit to the life. So it looks like we're going to end up getting new chargers and we're trying to get some prices as to what it would be to put them in the entrance. That's also from the Safety Committee.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, anything for the Safety Committee?

Commissioner K.G.: The only other thing on the radios is we've got two portables that are missing probably from the first hurricane so I had one of the captains send an e-mail to all of the tours and the Fire Prevention to see if we can locate them. I also talked to Commissioner Pat Kenny. He has some radios that Carteret was using in the interim until they got their new radios so we got those coming back and once we get those back then we'll know exactly where we're at.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, very good, any questions? Okay, Liaison to the Volunteer Fire Company, Commissioner Gardner.

LIAISON TO THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY:

Commissioner K.G.: I don't think I have anything new to report unless the Chief.....we did have a very successful pancake breakfast the volunteer fire company ran so that was very good. A lot of people from the community came out so it was a nice effort and the volunteers also played a very active role not only with the hurricane but also with the recent storm over the weekend. We had a pretty busy couple of hours with the heavy snow that came down and laid on a lot of the trees and we got a pretty good turnout.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, anybody got anything for the volunteers? Okay, Buildings and Grounds.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

Commissioner P.K.: Building and Grounds, everything seems to be working properly. We had a little mishap on Sunday on door number five, that is being repaired. I think we have to wait for some parts to come because it didn't function. That's all I have under Building and Grounds at this time. Oh, (inaudible) came in and is sheet rocking the (inaudible) in the kitchen and in the auditorium closed in where we had down in the workroom we closed in from the OSHA report but we were all in compliance.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, anything for Buildings and Grounds? Okay, we got to do one Resolution. John do you want to read the Resolution?

John Ur: Ask Maria to do it please.

Maria Bucsanszky: (Inaudible)

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yes, please.

Maria Bucsanszky: Whereas the Treasurer of Fire District #1 reports that certain 2011 budget appropriations have insufficient balances to meet the 2011 expenditures and whereas certain other budget expenditures have balances in excess of their needs now therefore be it resolved. And upon recommendation from the treasurer and in accordance with NJSA 48A-14-78.9 that transfers from budget Line Items with excesses be authorized to budget items with insufficient balances. And we're moving money from Hydrants, Social Security, Utilities and Turnout Gear. These items that are short are professional service and training and education total \$38,000.00. I need a motion to accept the Resolution.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to accept the Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Richard Gould and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, now we'll go into the report of Payroll and Bills.

The report of Payroll and Bills for October, 2011:

John Ur: The report of Payroll and Bills for the month of October, 2011

Bills: \$215,710.87 Payroll: \$230,047.85

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, I need a motion to accept the Payroll and Bills.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to accept the Payrolls and Bills for the month of October, 2011 which was seconded by Commissioner Richard Gould and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

John Ur: The treasurer's report for November 2nd, 2011:

Previous Balance – October 5 th , 2011	\$2,754,644.97
Deposits	\$2,214.30
Payroll and Related Taxes	\$229,052.75
Current Bills	\$215,710.87
Ending Balance	\$2,312,094.62

Commissioner Richard Gould made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS:

John Ur: All communications, Mr President, have been passed through the Commissioners.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, Old Business. Commissioner Kenny.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner P.K.: Nothing

Commissioner J.C.K.: Commissioner Gould.

Commissioner K.G.: I have nothing.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Commissioner Gardner.

Commissioner K.G.: Mr. President, there are a few letters in the packet. I asked our senator, Senator Menendez, our Congressman Leonard Lance, and the mayor to all write letters in support of our Grant application which they were all good enough to do. I did also ask them to specifically mention the fact that ninety-nine percent of the revenue to the fire district comes through property taxes and that we are now under a property tax cap and they also included that information as well and I have asked our federal officials to continue to follow up on the Grant to see if there's anything we could do to further our case. They've all been very supportive.

Commissioner J.C.K.: That's very good. Hopefully we'll get good news out of this. Okay, anything else? Greg.

Gregory Goodman: Nothing.

Commissioner J.C.K.: John.

John Ur: Nothing.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, New Business. Commissioner Kenny.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner P.K.: I got a couple of things Mr. President. Number one, I'll be submitting the FEMA stuff in from the hurricane, the overtime and the reimbursement for the side contractor that came and helped us pump out basements. I should be submitting that in on Friday so I'm turning that over to them. As soon as that report is completed from them and I sign off on it, I'll let everybody know what we should expect to get back. Number two, they're looking for preliminary assessment damage for the snowstorm so I put a preliminary damage in for the whole entire town basically and when I know if they declare I'll work with Maria like I've done in the past to get any overtime and anything that we might have purchased during that period of the snowstorm to submit it to FEMA. That's all I have at this time.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, Rich.

Commissioner R.G.: Nothing.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Ken.

Commissioner K.G.: Nothing Mr. President.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Greg.

Gregory Goodman: Nothing.

Commissioner J.C.K.: John.

John Ur: Nothing.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, just to make everybody aware November 8th, 2011 is Election Day and the firehouse is a polling place so the poll workers will be here from 5:15 A.M. The polls open at 6:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. so the backroom will be closed for that. Next one, September 15th, 2012 will be the St. James Street Fair on Main Street and that has been approved. Next one, March 11th, 2012 will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade and that will be on that. Chief, over here is the thing I bought up last month on Elizabethtown Gas for their presentations on November 9th, 2011 and November 10th, 2011. I will talk to the training officer tomorrow and find out if anybody wants to go to it on that side but its' here if you need it. Okay, that's on that. The next thing I got is the EAP renewal contract from Trinitas. Anybody got any questions on it? Okay, I need a motion then.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to sign the contract with Trinitas which was seconded by Commissioner Richard Gould and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, has everybody got their e-mails in on workshop dates for the budget? If not, please e-mail them over to Maria or call Maria and give her some dates that you're available so we can get some workshop dates together. So that's on that. Also, we had add-on bills totaling \$51,023.66. I need a motion to pay these bills.

Commissioner R.G.: What are they all for Jack?

Commissioner J.C.K.: The Joint Insurance Fund second installment.

Commissioner Richard Gould made a motion to pay the add-on bills which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, now we'll move into the Chief's report.

REMARKS, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Ron Leminelle

October, 2011 and Year to Date Calls are not available as per the snowstorm.

	<u>2010</u>
October Calls	54
Year To Date Calls	717

Chief Ron Leminelle: The only thing I'm requesting is December 12th, 2011 we're supposed to do that second part of the NJ Transit drill up in Kearny. I'm requesting for at least apparatus and the training captain to go. That's as of today we still are planning for it. Unless it changes I will notify you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, no problem. I'll make the notification. Anything from the Comments from the Audience? Alright, I'll need a motion to go into Executive Session to go in to talk about contractual matters and legal matters and as soon as we're done we will give a good yell.

Chief Ron Leminelle: Other than the breakfast on October 23rd, 2011.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Commissioner Richard Gould and carried unanimously at 7:24 P.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny made a motion to return to the regular part of the meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously at 9:04 P.M.

Commissioner J.C.K.: I think we need to bring up something forward. Pat, do you want to bring this up?

Commissioner P.K.: After a lengthy discussion of fourteen months of negotiating I'd like to make a motion that we sign the (inaudible) with Local 290 for the contract and that will give the president of the Board authorization to execute when it's all ready to go.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to sign the contract with Local 290 which was seconded by Commissioner Richard Gould and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: I'd just like to take a minute to thank the committee and the Local also. I know this was a difficult contract negotiation and I know it's something that either one of us had to experience probably in the lifetime of the department but due to circumstances way beyond our control I'd like to thank them for their professionalism and their management style for working with us and trying to come up collectively together for a working contract.

Commissioner P.K.: If I may say I'd just want to thank the Local, I want to thank Commissioner Howell and I want to thank Maria. As things were going on and different things needed to be answered if we went to Maria on both sides no less,

whether it's Local or our side, the answers were there to help us out. To make things move along I deal for the union and I think it's a fair deal for the taxpayers of this district during the economy and the way everything is. I just want to thank everybody for being patient and working with us and trying to get this accomplished and done.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Thank you, anybody else?

Commissioner Richard Gould made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Ken Gardner and carried unanimously at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ur
District Clerk

WOODBRIIDGE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MONTHLY BILL LIST

November 2, 2011

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Voucher - Columbia Savings				
10/06/2011	11408	Staples	Acct# 7972320000021825	-74.76
10/06/2011	11409	Bally's Atlantic City	2011 NJ League of Municipalities Convention - Balance Due	-278.00
10/06/2011	11410	Kevco Electric Inc	Traffic Signal Preemption System	-10,000.00
10/17/2011	11411	MAUREEN COMITO	To Replenish Petty Cash	-259.21
11/01/2011	11417	Catherine Crowe	Reimbursement - Health Coverage Oct 2011	-863.57
11/01/2011	11413	JOHN TAKACS CONSTRUC...	Rent - 400 School Street & Back Garage - November 2011	-1,875.00
11/02/2011	11414	Airtec Service Inc	Installed a New York 5 Ton Split AC System in Upstairs Meeting Room	-10,800.00
11/02/2011	11415	AT&T	Acct# 0555384092001 - Firehouse Landline	-25.96
11/02/2011	11416	Auto Parts of Woodbridge	Supplies	-4.95
11/02/2011	11418	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #10 - Misc Repairs	-6,915.17
11/02/2011	11419	Cummins Power Systems. LLC	Generator Repair	-3,150.25
11/02/2011	11420	Dorothy Wilcox	Reimbursement - Health Benefits - October 2011	-436.68
11/02/2011	11421	Royal Battery	Battery	-85.80
11/02/2011	11422	Sophie Bader	Reimbursement - Health Benefits - October 2011	-436.68
11/02/2011	11423	United Parcel Service	Account #XV0896	-40.66
11/02/2011	11424	Verizon Wireless	Acct# 585555042-00001 - Cell Phones	-116.66
11/02/2011	11425	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #1 - Misc Repairs	-278.07
11/02/2011	11426	Mary Ann Sofka	Transcription of October 5, 2011 Commissioners' Meeting	-87.50
11/02/2011	11427	Staples	Acct# 7972320000021825	-368.82
11/02/2011	11432	Township of Woodbridge-Co...	Phone Bill - September 2011	-215.16
11/02/2011	11429	Elizabethtown Gas	Acct# 8116341423 - 400 School St Back Garage	-26.27
11/02/2011	11430	Gen-el Safety & Industrial Pro...	Calibration Gas & 4 gas 34L	-552.04
11/02/2011	11431	Almasi Companies	August 29, 2011 - Hurricane Irene - Pumping Basements	-5,948.32
11/02/2011	11433	McNeil & Co., Inc.	Accident & Health Policy Renewal - 3rd & 4th Installments	-3,527.00
11/02/2011	11434	Standard Insurance Company	Life Insurance - Policy #136829	-3,028.16
11/02/2011	11435	United Computer Sales & Ser...	Monthly Billing for October 2011	-582.00
11/02/2011	11436	Wizard's Festival of Fun, Inc	Magician and Face Painter for Fire Prevention Week	-1,100.00
11/02/2011	11437	Airtec Service Inc	Heat Start-Up	-192.50
11/02/2011	11438	Almasi Companies	August 29, 2011 - Hurricane Irene - Pumping Basements	-7,620.08
11/02/2011	11439	Bowco Laboratories Inc	Regular Service - October 2011	-35.00
11/02/2011	11440	Eric M. Bernstein & Associate...	Professional Services Rendered - Labor	-1,062.00
11/02/2011	11441	Saldutti Construction LLC	Damaged ceiling tiles removed & replaced & replace drywall	-2,390.00
11/02/2011	11442	Stone Mountain Printing	500 Vouchers	-29.50
11/02/2011	11443	United Computer Sales & Ser...	3 - Configuration & Installation Hewllett Packard 6000 Pro PC	-1,563.00
11/02/2011	11444	Woodbridge Mower	Lawnmower Repair	-200.95
11/02/2011	11445	Casazza & Ur, Public Accoun...	Monthly Fee - October 2011	-4,666.66
11/02/2011	11450	Eric M. Bernstein & Associate...	Professional Services Rendered - Personnel Matter	-967.66
11/02/2011	11447	Global Products & Solutions, ...	Emergency Repair to Bay Door #2	-500.00
11/02/2011	11448	Maglione's Italian Ices	FPB Open House - Italian Ices & Cart Rentals	-207.00
11/02/2011	11449	Absolute Fire Protection Co., ...	2 pair of boots	-550.00
11/02/2011	11451	Middlesex County Fire Acade...	Drill Ground Instr-Refresher-Repac 10/22/11	-52.00
11/02/2011	11452	Absolute Fire Protection Co., ...	(1) pair of boots	-275.00
11/02/2011	11453	Gen-el Safety & Industrial Pro...	EntryRAE sensor	-100.28
11/02/2011	11454	Elizabethtown Gas	Account #2164284700 - Firehouse	-406.66
11/02/2011	11455	Delta Dental Plan of NJ	Dental coverage - November 2011 Group# 01063	-9,373.92
11/02/2011	11456	Middlesex County Fire Acade...	R. Paul - 10/26 & 10/27/11 residential dwelling training	-131.00
11/02/2011	11457	Occupational Health Dynamic...	Annual calibration of fit tester	-660.00
11/02/2011	11458	Vision Service Plan	Acct# 120784800001 Vision Coverage - November 2011	-1,226.72
11/02/2011	TEPS	State of New Jersey- Health ...	Retiree Health Benefits - November 2011	-21,282.33
11/02/2011	TEPS	State of NJ- Health Benefits ...	Health Benefits & Prescription Coverage - November 2011	-46,309.29
11/02/2011	11459	Gregory Goodman, Esq	Professional Services Rendered - November 2011	-3,900.00
11/02/2011	11465	Life Insurance Company Of N...	Volunteer Life Insurance- Policy # GL-5474	-418.10
11/02/2011	WIRE	Chase Manhattan Bank	Bond Principal	-55,000.00
11/02/2011	11461	Image First	Laundry Service	-213.44
11/02/2011	11462	New Jersey Press Media Sol...	Account #076094 - FPB Open House Notice	-235.00
11/02/2011	11463	Township of Woodbridge-Co...	Fuel - July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011	-2,428.14
11/02/2011	11464	Uncle Mario's Hot Dogs, LLC	Hot Dogs - FPB Open House 10/13/11	-750.00
11/02/2011	11466	Verizon Wireless - Laptop Mo...	Account #982554463-00001 - Laptop Modems	-944.19
11/02/2011	11470	Comcast	Account #06101 603531-01-4 Internet	-80.38
11/02/2011	11468	PSE&G	Electric - Firehouse	-823.53
11/02/2011	11469	PSE&G	Electric - 400 School St & Back Garage	-39.85
Total Voucher - Columbia Savings				-215,710.87
TOTAL				-215,710.87

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Fire District No. 1 reports that certain 2011 budget appropriations have insufficient balances to meet the 2011 expenditures, and

WHEREAS, certain other budget expenditures have balances in excess of their needs, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation from the Treasurer and in accordance with NJSA 40A:14-78.9, that transfers from budget line items with excesses be authorized to budget items with insufficient balances.

From		To	
640 - Hydrants	\$10,000.00	509 - Professional Service	\$35,000.00
520 - Social Security	5,000.00	615 - Training & Education	<u>3,000.00</u>
655 - Utilities	8,000.00		
626 - Turnout Gear	<u>15,000.00</u>		
TOTAL	<u>\$38,000.00</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$38,000.00</u>

MOTION to accept resolution made by Comm. Patrick Kenny, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor.

Adopted, November 2, 2011

Date



John Ur, Clerk