

**Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.**

Commissioner Todd Howell called the meeting to order.

John Ur, Clerk: Mr. President – All the requirements of the “Open Public Meeting Act” have been complied with by posting the meeting in public locations for ten days. In accordance with NJSA481484 the notices were posted at the firehouse, post office of Woodbridge and Sewaren, Municipal Clerk’s Office and the library. Mr. President, you may proceed.

Commissioner Todd Howell led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members and for all of our troops wherever they serve.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner John C. Kenny, Commissioner Patrick Kenny,  
Commissioner Todd Howell, Commissioner Ken Gardner  
**EXCUSED:** Commissioner Richard Gould  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney – Christopher Howell  
Clerk – John Ur

Commissioner T.H.: Ladies and gentlemen welcome to the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District #1. At this time we will dispense with the normal order of business and proceed directly to the matter at hand. The matter at hand is to answer a question by a ballot which I will read. Shall the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District #1 of the Township of Woodbridge purchase a 1998 Pierce Pumper Fire Engine from the Woodbridge Township Fire District #8 for the sum of not more than ninety thousand dollars funded by the 2014 Operating Budget? Commissioner John Kenny will say a few words.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Just to give a background to everyone every year we do an annual pump test on our pumpers. This engine, Engine One, Reserve One, failed its pump test. The pumper is twenty-seven years old. It winds up being that it would be twenty thousand dollars to fix the pumper. We’re looking at ninety thousand we can get a new used pumper which could last us another ten to fifteen years which will also be able to provide backup for us within the district. If we do not, we will then have to go down to two pumpers. We will not be able to provide mutual aid to the other parts of the town. We’ll be looking for more mutual aide to support us. It’s coming with extrication tools on it. With a new pumper with those type of tools is six hundred and eighty thousand dollars and we’ll be able to continue to provide mutual aide. Just to let you know Engine One or R One in 2011 responded to about twenty-two calls, was moved up into first alarm status and responded to twenty-two calls. In 2012 it responded to fifty-two calls and so far this year it responded to four calls and it has been moved up into First Alarm status which is where it could be put up and respond

on a personal alarm or second alarm ninety-nine days so far this year. So those are the facts. I'll turn it back over to the president if anybody has any questions.

Commissioner T.H.: At this time I'll entertain a motion to open the polls.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to open the polls which was seconded by Commissioner John C. Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner T.H.: Ladies and gentlemen you'll have to sign up on the left and the ballot boxes are right there in the center.

Meeting recessed for voting at 7:04 P.M.

Meeting resumed at 7:25 P.M.

Commissioner T.H.: The Chair will entertain a motion to close the ballot box.

Commissioner John C. Kenny made a motion to close the ballot box which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner T.H.: Mr. Clerk you may open the box.

Meeting recessed for counting of ballots at 7:26 P.M.

Meeting resumed at 7:37 P.M.

Commissioner T.H.: I'll call the meeting back to order and ask everyone to please listen while the clerk, Mr. John Ur, reads the results of the election.

John Ur: Mr. President, there are eighty-one total votes. Seventy-eight yes; one no; one provisional and one person must have walked out with a ballot. So we have seventy-eight yes and one no.

Commissioner T.H.: Thank you very much. The matter passes.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Do you want to make a motion to certify the election?

Commissioner T.H.: Yes.

Commissioner Patrick Kenney made a motion to certify the election which was seconded by Commissioner John C. Kenny and carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Commissioner Ken Gardner – Yes; Commissioner John C. Kenny – Yes; Commissioner Todd Howell – Yes; Commissioner Patrick Kenny – Yes.

Commissioner T.H.: At this time I want to thank everybody for taking time out of their busy schedule at the holiday season for coming down here and having faith in

this Board to do the right thing for our fire district and for approving the purchase of this engine. On behalf of the Board I wish everybody a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you once again.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. which was seconded by Commissioner John C. Kenny and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ur". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "U".

John Ur  
District Clerk