

Minutes of the budget workshop of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Todd Howell called the meeting to order.

Maria Bucsanszky: 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 Todd Howell led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members and our troops throughout the world.

PRESENT: Commissioner Ken Gardner; Commissioner Todd Howell,
Commissioner John C. Kenny; Commissioner Patrick Kenny;
Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk – Maria Bucsanszky:

Commissioner T.H.: Thank you, we’ll move right into the first order of business which will be an Executive Session to discuss negotiations on other matters regarding negotiations.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:02 P.M. which was seconded by Commissioner John C. Kenny which was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to return to the Budget Workshop at 8:00 P.M. which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner T.H.: At this time.....

Commissioner J.C.K.: Mr. President.

Commissioner T.H.: Commissioner Jack Kenny will.....

Commissioner J.C.K.: In the Executive Session we talked about the state we were at with negotiations and I was just looking to get clarity on some items to find out the overall Board’s feelings so I had direction to move with no formal action at this time.

Commissioner T.H.: Thank you very much. Now we’ll go into the budget. I’ll turn this over to you once again to have the items that we.....

Commissioner J.C.K.: Mr. President, from our meeting that we had on Friday on 625 we raised that by \$40,000.00 more. On 512 I spoke to them they would like.....due to the way that the budget is changed and the increase labor involved they would like to see a \$3,000.00 bump in that.

Maria Bucsanszky: Commissioner that \$3,000.00 bump is shown in 511 for budget prep.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, so you moved it over to there?

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, in the combo of the clerk's office and the auditor.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay.

Commissioner K.G.: Do we have this on a sheet here?

Maria Bucsanszky: I think on the second to the last page.

Commissioner K.G.: I don't know.....is there a date?

Commissioner P.K.: On the bottom.

Commissioner K.G.: I don't know...I'm looking at my other one.

Maria Bucsanszky: That's the one.

Commissioner K.G.: This is the good one?

Maria Bucsanszky: That's the good one.

Commissioner K.G.: Not last weeks?

Commissioner P.K.: Look on the bottom. It says eleven twenty-four point...

Commissioner J.C.K.: This number here.

Maria Bucsanszky: That increase is there for the three grand and that's for house.

Commissioner T.H.: And the house was increased.....go ahead.

Commissioner J.C.K.: The house was increased by \$40,000.00 to \$110,000.00.

Commissioner T.H.: Buildings and Grounds.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right.

Commissioner R.M.: Where is that at?

Commissioner J.C.K.: That's 625.

Commissioner T.H.: Number 625.

Commissioner K.G.: That's for painting....

Commissioner T.H.: Right.

Commissioner K.G.: And possibly a boiler.

Commissioner J.C.K.: I don't know if it will get you a boiler but it definitely can cover the painting and stuff like that and we can look to see if there are any Line Items that we can maybe help us if we do get into that situation. We know that the boiler was at least \$50,000.00 several years ago so that was on that. I also know there was a question about the air packs. I had no problem with holding that to \$70,000.00 and probably it'll put a formal compliance on that so.

Commissioner K.G.: You're talked to him about that and he said that was.....

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yup, and we're okay. We're going to actually.....after this is done I have two things that I have to bring up and that's.....

Commissioner T.H.: Okay.

Commissioner J.C.K.: We're okay, yeah.

Commissioner T.H.: Okay, is there anything else to discuss on the budget
Commissioner Kenny?

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, unless anyone else has any other items that I'm missing or something.

Commissioner T.H.: No, I have none. Do we have to vote Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: Not at this point. If the Board is okay with everything we will introduce this budget at the December 3rd meeting.

Commissioner T.H.: Fine. Is everybody in agreement? Where there any other items to come before this Board? We'll start with you Jack.

Commissioner J.C.K.: I have two items Mr. President, thank you. One is I'd like to be able to move forward with the \$70,000.00 that was allocated for air packs to start to utilize up to the \$70,000.00 under the state contract to be able to get the packs and

the bottles so that we can start continuing our change out and uniform ourselves with the what do you call it?

Commissioner R.M.: CBRN.

Commissioner J.C.K.: CBRT.

Commissioner R.M.: CBRN.

Commissioner J.C.K.: CBRN packs which we already have on the truck.

Commissioner R.M.: Yeah, eight of them I believe.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right.

Commissioner T.H.: Okay, put that in a motion.

Commissioner John C. Kenny made a motion to move forward with the \$70,000.00 allocated for air packs which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. and carried unanimously.

Commissioner K.G.: And Jack that will..... we're talking a little bit about.....because we got all these different type of packs.....

Commissioner J.C.K.: That'll uniform us to the newest packs that we just had bought.

Commissioner K.G.: Alright.

Commissioner J.C.K.: So we will all have the same at the end of there.

Commissioner T.H.: We're to standardize.

Commissioner K.G.: I'll pull the truck in and the engine.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Correct, and they continue to move forward down the line each year. The other thing is is that the Bullard camera...we have two ones that were originally....one was out from Keasbey and the other one we had.....there was a battery and a spare battery for each them. So it winds up being that the batteries have died and we only have two batteries left. Right now we have a battery in each and no spares so if it dies it's no good. So we can easily be down two cameras out of our four. I have the email. Unfortunately I did not print it out, that's my fault, but I'd like permission under the state contract to replace one of the boards and to buy two onboard chargers and the reason for two is we can put them in the two new engines and then next year replace the other board so we don't really deplete ourselves. So I need not to excccd.....

Commissioner R.M.: Do we have enough to buy two Jack?

Commissioner T.H.: Don't need two.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Buy two this year?

Commissioner R.M.: Yeah, it's just that if the guys use them the right way they are the best thing.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Well they'll have one with a spare battery now because we won't be using the battery over here and then next year I was thinking that...

Commissioner R.M.: Get the other one?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Get the other one but get the chargers so when the two twins come in the chargers can get mounted right away so you're not spending more money to mount the other charger. So buy the two chargers and they'll be charging right onboard.

Commissioner T.H.: Very good.

Commissioner J.C.K.: So.....

Commissioner K.G.: Does that come out of equipment?

Commissioner J.C.K.: That's going to come out of equipment.

Commissioner K.G.: And we're good there?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah, we only have.....we have \$16,000.00 that we only used.

Commissioner K.G.: Right, okay.

Commissioner J.C.K.: So if I can have permission on that then I'll move forward on that.

Commissioner K.G.: Okay.

Commissioner J.C.K.: I will send Maria the state contract numbers and stuff.

Commissioner T.H.: Alright, so put that in the form of a motion.

Commissioner John C. Kenny made a motion to replace one of the boards and to buy two onboard chargers for the two new twins which was seconded by Commissioner Ken Gardner and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: That's all I have.

Commissioner T.H.: Any other business?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Oh, the only other thing I have Mr. President I know the chief isn't here but if you can let the chief know we are doing the fit testing. The machine is up for the new mask. A lot of volunteers still need to get done.

Commissioner T.H.: I didn't send an email out.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay.

Commissioner T.H.: I received an email on my home computer that he had notified all the members that the fit test is ready.

Commissioner K.G.: But there was just another email right before our meeting started that said they were unsure whether or not we needed the new masks fit test.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah, you need the new mask for down there.

Commissioner K.G.: So the men will get....when you do the test you'll get a new mask?

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, they'll take your size and then Captain Golden is going to order...instead of buying a bunch of them. We don't have the right sizes because they are much differently fit you. He will then put the order and he already has your name and what size you take.

Commissioner K.G.: I did that at the end of last year.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, we were going to do it and then when he let me know and I said stop because we were going to wind up buying a bunch and right now the way it looks we would have been stuck with a lot of extras because they wouldn't have fit the faces. I mean I'm normally on the other ones I'm a medium; on the new one I'm a large.

Commissioner R.M.: Yeah, it's a different scale.

Commissioner K.G.: Okay.

Commissioner J.C.K.: So.....

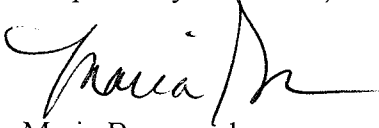
Commissioner P.K.: Me too. I'm usually an extra large and I'm wearing a large now.

Commissioner J.C.K.: So that's all I have Mr. President.

Commissioner T.H.: Anything else to come before the Board from any of the other members? I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Commissioner John C. Kenny and carried unanimously at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Bucsanszky", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Maria Bucsanszky
District Clerk