

Minutes of the budget workshop meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Friday, November 10, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

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

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members and for our men and women serving overseas and our prayers out to retired Firefighter Jeff Moran for a speedy recovery.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney – Christopher Howell
Clerk – Maria Bucsanszky

Commissioner J.C.K.: I need a motion to suspend the reading of the previous minutes of the meeting until the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to suspend the reading of the previous minutes of the meeting until the next regular meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Todd Howell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Alright, going into the budget I worked with Maria with the wish list that was out there and instead of going through everything all over again I’m just going to go to the ones that was requested and how we got there. Page One we talked about replacing the captain’s car. That is a reserve item that we already have so it’s just taking that reserve and just putting that as a public question for the public to ask if they approve it or not so that’s no impact to us because that was already reserved for that type of use. Okay going down to Retirement Reserve just so everybody understands, because I actually didn’t understand this, the \$180,000.00 there I thought that was \$180,000.00 going in but it’s not. It’s a \$180,000.00 to be there for the potential of two retirements so really it’s a payable not adding more into that reserve account that I know Ken you asked about that last week so that’s not additional because I actually thought we could work with that. So then on Page Two, Fire Prevention Overtime, we talked about.....

Commissioner K.G.: You’re saying that’s going into the budget as revenue.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No.

Maria Bucsanszky: It's going in as revenue out of the reserve for retirement. It's not an additional...

Commissioner K.G.: Not from a line item?

Maria Bucsanszky: It's not funding the reserve.

Commissioner K.G.: Okay.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right, anyway.....

Commissioner K.G.: So it's still going in just from a different place.

Commissioner J.C.K.: It's an inny outty.

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, in that affect.

Commissioner K.G.: Right, okay.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Then on Page Two, the Overtime, we increased it to \$10,000.00 and that's coming out of the Dedicated Fines and Fees so from Page One we just increased the Dedicated Fire Prevention Bureau Dedicated Fines and Fees.

Commissioner K.G.: You took more out of there and....

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right the ten thousand.

Commissioner K.G.: And that's ...Maria you looked at the last couple of years that's what they've been doing or?

Maria Bucsanszky: Oh averaging in terms of overtime?

Commissioner K.G.: Ahem.

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Then on Page Three I'm just going to be asking tonight if we agree on the budget on 515. Maria still needs to wait for that number if we are on agreement on the whole thing. Maria will just take money from Fund Balance for whatever the increase is but if the increase is greater than fifty thousand or fifty thousand or greater then she'll call for the Board and the Board is going to have to reconvene to talk about it.

Commissioner T.H.: Okay.