

Minutes of the budget workshop and regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Wednesday, November 4, 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 all our departed members and men and women serving overseas.

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.: Okay, we’ll do the budget workshop and then continue to the regular meeting. Alright, actually I’m just getting my eyes on this for the first time so...

Maria Bucsanszky: If I may advise the Board what’s in your packets for the budget.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: The first page is the levy tax calculation as a draft. Then you have the usual hand out that we will go over budget line items. Then I prepared a summary of the year to date equipment purchases so you can see the detail behind that line item. It is a detailed report for equipment repairs so you can see the apparatus and what was fixed. You will see a page from the 2014 audit, how much fund balance is available to you. You will see the ratable from the township. Basically we lost two million dollars in ratables but we picked up some new construction which allows us to go up twenty-eight thousand dollars in addition to the two percent CAP.

Commissioner K.G.: That’s net?

Maria Bucsanszky: That’s net. Then there is a handout from Trenton which shows the taxation bank we have available to use if we chose to. Then there’s a budget

calendar for 2016. There is a resolution from dispatch for next year and then you have a copy of the radio maintenance agreement as a shared service with the township. So that's all in your packet.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay.

Commissioner K.G.: Do you want to take a recess for a couple of minutes Jack?

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, no, no, no, no, no. Okay, officials start on the page one of the spreadsheet that starts off with...it says 2016 Budget Preparation and Anticipated Revenue so.....

Maria Bucsanszky: We usually do that last that page.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Do you want to do that page last?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay. Do we have the sheet like this Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: No.

Commissioner J.C.K.: One like this but just flip it over right?

Maria Bucsanszky: Right, it the one that starts with the salaries.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay Page 2, so 503 you see that it's what we have agreed to that it moves up with whatever the rank and file is.

Commissioner T.H.: Right 1.7 increase it says. That's okay, right?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right.

Commissioner T.H.: Good.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Firefighter's Salary. Maria has it adjusted. It is for the guys that are working, correct?

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct.

Commissioner J.C.K.: And then we also have to have in there for any legal matters.

Maria Bucsanszky: Right...correct.

Commissioner P.K.: Salaries you mean.