

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 8:30 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 our former firefighters in the township that have passed away and for our men and women serving overseas.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney – Christopher Howell
Clerk – Maria Bucsanszky

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7th, 2016 Regular Meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Todd Howell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Maria, we’ll go into doing the budgets first so I have the 2017 adopted Budget Resolution. I need a motion to take the proposed budget and open it to the public.

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to take the proposed FY2017 Budget and open it to the public which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, any questions from the public? I need a motion to close the public hearing on the FY2017 Budget.

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. closed the public hearing on the FY2017 Budget which was seconded by Commissioner Todd Howell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Alright, I need a motion now to adopt the FY2017 Budget Resolution.

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to adopt the FY017 Budget Resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay Maria you want to read it?

Maria Bucsanszky: Sure. Whereas the annual budget for the Woodbridge Township Fire District #1, the Fire District, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 has been presented for adoption before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at it's Open Public Meeting of January 4th, 2017 and Whereas the annual budget as presented for adoption requests each item of revenue and appropriation of same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget including all amendments thereto if any which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and Whereas the adopted budget in compliance with the property tax level cap law NJSA40A45-44 and Whereas the annual budget as presented for adoption requests total revenues of \$8,119,877.00 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$7,314,033.00 and total appropriations of \$8,119,877.00 and Whereas an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday in February in each established Fire District to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the First District at an Open Public Meeting held on January 4th, 2017 of the annual Budget of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2017 and ending December 31st, 2017 is hereby adopted and shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of total revenues of \$8,119,877.00 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$7,314,033.00 and total appropriations of \$8,119,877.00. And be it further resolved that the annual budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriates in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget including all amendments thereto if any which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. And be it further resolved that an annual election shall be held on the 3rd Saturday in February to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. The result of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and to the Municipal Assessor. I'll need a roll call vote. Commissioner John C. Kenny – Yes; Commissioner Todd Howell – Yes; Commissioner Patrick Kenny – Yes; Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. – Yes.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, while we are on this we might as well do transfers. Whereas the treasurer of Fire District #1 reports the certain 2016 Budget Appropriations have insignificant balances to meet the 2016 Expenditures and Whereas certain other budget expenditures have balances in excess of the needs now therefore be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the treasurer and in accordance with NJSA40A1478.9 that the transfers from the Budget Line Items with excesses be authorized to Budget Items with insufficient balances. Transfer will be from \$18,500.00 from Line Item 600, 520 and 620 to Line Item 600, 508, 524 and 621 in the amount of \$18,500.00. I need a motion.

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to authorize the transfer from Budget Line Items with excess balances to Budget Line Items with insufficient balances which was seconded by Commissioner Todd Howell and carried unanimously.