

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10:30 A.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

Commissioner John C. Kenny – 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 firehouse and the post offices of Woodbridge and Sewaren. We will proceed with the meeting.

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 special prayers for our Firefighter’s Edward McQuinn and Bob Bader and for those in Parkland, Florida and those that gave the ultimate sacrifice to save others.

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Michael Hapstak

ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Howell, Attorney
Chief Charles Kenny

Commissioner J.C.K.: Good morning everyone. This is a Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1. Today is another monumental moment within the department. This district was the first to have career firefighters back around 1929 or so. The Board also, seeing the need, was the first to have a ladder truck in the area. Then as time went on the Board once again recognized that we were really not safe in the way we were communicating at the fire scene back to the firehouse so we were the first in the area to purchase a two-way radio. As the years passed and the population has grown and the proper planning from the past Boards the district was able to increase the staffing level within the balance of the budgets. Well today marks another first. Today we will be swearing in an Administrative Fire Chief. This is uncharted waters for the District. I know that we will navigate our way through and look back how this was the correct path to take as just many of the other Boards have done in the past. Last year we petitioned the Civil Service Commission and established for the position of Administrative Fire Chief and it was approved. Three of our career captains took competitive tests. These captains put many hours in for studying and (inaudible) a detailed enduring test and they should be recognized for that.

Audience clapped.

Commissioner J.C.K.: The Civil Service Commission came back with the results of that competitive test. We have, as the Board selected, the number one candidate on the test, Captain Charles Kenny, who will be promoted to the rank of Administrative Fire Chief for Fire District No. 1. Captain Kenny has over thirty-two years with the department. He has served as a volunteer, career firefighter, a fire inspector and a fire captain. Chief Kenny has a degree in business and has his certifications in emergency management and financial. At this time I would like to have Chief Kenny step up and take the oath.

Christopher Howell, Attorney: I Charles Kenny.

Chief Charles Kenny: I Charles Kenny.

Christopher Howell, Attorney: Do solemnly swear.

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Christopher Howell, Attorney: That I will faithfully.

Chief Charles Kenny: That I will faithfully.

Christopher Howell, Attorney: And consciously.

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Christopher Howell, Attorney: Discharge the duties.

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Christopher Howell, Attorney: Of Administrative Fire Chief.

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Christopher Howell, Attorney: Of Fire District No. 1.

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Christopher Howell, Attorney: Township of Woodbridge.

Chief Charles Kenny: Township of Woodbridge.

Christopher Howell, Attorney: New Jersey.

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Christopher Howell, Attorney: According to the best of my ability.