

Minutes of the 2019 budget workshop and regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 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 Robert Minkler, Sr. led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members. Let’s keep Retired Captain Joe Karnas, life member of the Woodbridge Fire Company, in our prayers and those men and women serving overseas.

PRESENT: Commissioner Todd Howell, Commissioner Patrick Kenny, Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr., Commissioner Jeffrey Moran (Arrived 6:10 P.M.)

EXCUSED: Commissioner John C. Kenny

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney – Christopher Howell
Clerk – Maria Bucsanszky
Chief Charles Kenny

Commissioner R.M.: We’re going to dispense of the minutes and we’ll go into the Budget Hearing at this time. Everybody has a copy of the budget? Okay well start with 99503. Does anybody have any questions?

Commissioner T.H.: No, no questions here.

Commissioner R.M.: 600.

Commissioner T.H.: These are all figures that you figured out according to our contract.

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct, everything is in there based on that.

Commissioner T.H.: Then that should be good.

Commissioner R.M.: 504.

Commissioner T.H.: Once again same question.

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, same answer.

Commissioner T.H.: Thank you.

Commissioner R.M.: 518.

Commissioner T.H.: That's fine.

Commissioner R.M.: 515.

Maria Bucsanszky: That figure is directly off the state's website for our liability for next April.

Commissioner P.K.: So that's an exact?

Maria Bucsanszky: That's an exact yes and it's less than prior years.

Commissioner P.K.: Okay.

Maria Bucsanszky: We're seeing the benefits now of the retirees from two years ago falling off the liability and the new hires coming in at a lower pay scale.

Commissioner R.M.: 551. 520, that's self-explanatory.

Commissioner T.H.: Correct.

Maria Bucsanszky: Based on payroll, correct.

Commissioner R.M.: 521, I guess that would be self-explanatory.

Commissioner T.H.: That's based on payroll, right?

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct.

Commissioner T.H.: Okay.

Commissioner R.M.: 516, that is contractual I believe?

Maria Bucsanszky: Contractual includes career and retirees.

Commissioner R.M.: Okay, you good so far?

Commissioner T.H.: Yes.

Commissioner R.M.: Okay, 358.

Commissioner T.H.: That's LOSAP right Maria?

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct.

Commissioner T.H.: Okay, yes that's fine.

Commissioner R.M.: A6.

Maria Bucsanszky: That is the Supplemental Services Grant and usually we get that money late in the year and I'm holding this number at the 2018 amount. We haven't been advised what the new amount is.

Commissioner R.M.: Okay, so that could fluctuate?

Maria Bucsanszky: It could fluctuate slightly maybe five hundred dollars more, not a lot.

Commissioner R.M.: Okay, 508. Question on 508 it's the election expense that will be included?

Maria Bucsanszky: No that is 523, separate.

Commissioner R.M.: Okay, thank you.

Maria Bucsanszky: You're welcome.

Commissioner R.M.: 509, everybody good with that one?

Commissioner T.H.: Yes.

Commissioner R.M.: 510.

Commissioner T.H.: Based on past costs?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes, pretty much. I think he's probably going to hold but it might go up five hundred dollars.

Commissioner T.H.: Okay.

Commissioner R.M.: We can adjust that.

Maria Bucsanszky: At the end, correct.

Commissioner R.M.: 511.

Maria Bucsanszky: That's solid.