

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:05 P.M.**

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

Maria Bucsanszky – 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 board of the fire house and the post offices of Woodbridge and Sewaren.

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.

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

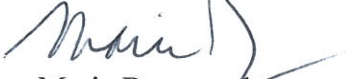
**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk – Maria Bucsanszky  
Municipal Clerk – John M. Mitch

Commissioner J.C.K.: For those that pretty much know why they are here and if they would like to go put their written opinion over there, they can otherwise I’m going to read a brief explanation. Okay, we have two things we would like to explain to the public about which neither will have an impact on the taxes since we are using an unrestricted fund balance. But first as the architectural design of the district is changing, we see our firefighters at greater risk of getting into situations which they made need to exit from a window without no ladder. Studies have shown that firefighters equipped with bailout systems greatly increase a firefighter’s chance of survival. We the Board needed to make sure all of our firefighters are provided with the best possible personal protective equipment available for them for the safety of themselves and their loved ones. The other part is the current firehouse was built around 1968. At that time, we had about three to four people working at a time. Today due to societal changes this number has now changed to seven to thirteen people during the day which the building cannot handle. We looked extensively at different options and the current cost to put an addition on the backend of the firehouse would be around \$3.2 to \$3.6 million due to (inaudible) after they drive piles. Due to the need of the piles to support the building the Board has also done a study at great length for the purchase of 109 Green Street; it is the most economical course. Also, our long-term vision is to have Fire Prevention and Administrative located at Green Street and a practical have a school museum for people that can see the history of the department. A total of these two is \$982,000.00. You can go up and vote if you would like. If you have questions feel free to ask.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Does anybody in the audience have anything else, any other questions? Okay with that I need a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:05 P.M. which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maria", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Maria Bucsanszky  
District Clerk