

**Board of Fire Commissioners
East Brunswick Fire District No. 1
Minutes of the Commissioners Meeting
November 13, 2013**

Commissioner Bruce R. Smith, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM in the meeting room of the Board of Fire Commissioners at 5 Pine Street, East Brunswick, NJ 08816.

Attorney Youssouf read the notice by R.S. 10-4, The Open Public Meeting Act, into the minutes. Notice of time, date, location and agenda of this meeting to the extent then known was duly published at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting by posting in the official newspaper of the Board and by posting on the official bulletin board of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Roll call:

Commissioner Hoover:	Absent
Commissioner McDonald:	Present
Commissioner Mosher:	Present
Commissioner Smith:	Present
Commissioner Whalen:	Absent

Commissioner Smith stated that the pumper was approved by the DCA and the ordinance will be passed by the council on the 19th. I checked on the status of the tanker/pumper truck and that is being put out for bid. Their Commissioner would not answer phone calls and they already have a buyer for it. We have to wait until Friday to see if they reject any of the bids.

Our accountant, George Lang is here to go over and clarify our financial position for the year. George stated that the good thing is that the town will issue the note in 2014 so your first payment won't be due until 2015. There was discussion on the floor about where the money needed to be funded and the line items that will increase or decrease according their use. George stated that we had \$60,000.00 in there last year for the SCBA and I put another \$60,000.00 in there this year, do you want that to stay? The Board told him yes because we need to replace these air packs. I put \$100,000.00 in for the firehouse and another \$110,000.00 for future capital outlay.

Commissioner Smith stated that we need to try and finish the building. WE have to discuss what we are going to do with the house across the street. I am not comfortable raising the tax rate. How can we move some of that money? George stated that there is no reason to move that money right now forget that it is there, use that to offset your surplus, and Attorney Youssouf stated that the District can move the money out of the fire companies budget into their own and pay their bills for them, there is no reason why that can't be done.

After lengthy discussion on what it will cost to finish the firehouse at Rues Lane, the Board agreed to take \$50,000.00 and put it in a capital line item to finish the fire house.

There was also discussion held on the floor about replacing the money that the fire company spent to do the phone system and computers at the new firehouse. Attorney Youssouf stated that the best way to handle that would be to take the total cost of the project and divide it out by five or six years and add

that to their fire protection service payment. If they agree to that then you don't have to worry about a large increase in the tax rate.

Commissioner Smith also stated that we will be looking at what the monthly bills are going to be that we as a District will be taking over and that amount of money will be coming off the top of their payment.

There was discussion again on how the District could go about purchasing the tanker/pumper truck from Franklin should it become available again, Attorney Youssouf stated that you would have to hold a special meeting to purchase that truck and get voter approval.

Commissioner McDonald made the motion to approve a resolution for a special meeting to be held on December 3, 2013 at 6:30 PM before our regular meeting to obtain voter approval for the purchase of a 2001 Pierce Pumper/Tanker truck not to exceed \$65,000.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Roll call: Commissioner Hoover....absent/Commissioner McDonald.....aye/Commissioner Mosher....aye/Commissioner Smith....aye/Commissioner Whalen....absent. The motion was approved and accepted.

Being no further business was brought before the Board Commissioner Mosher made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion.

Roll call: Commissioner Hoover....absent/Commissioner McDonald....aye/Commissioner Mosher...aye/Commissioner Smith...aye/Commissioner Whalen....absent. The motion was approved and accepted and the meeting of November 13, 2013 was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Clerk
Michael Mosher
Board of Fire Commissioners
East Brunswick Fire District No. 1

MM/sk

File: Minutes Meeting November 13, 2013

ROLL CALL VOTE TALLY SHEET
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816

MEETING DATE: 11/13/13
CALLED TO ORDER AT: 1935 HRS
BY: Chairman Smith

ATTENDANCE:

HOOVER ABS. McDonald Mosher SMITH WHALEN ABS.

QUESTION RESOLUTION TO HAVE SPECIAL MEETING ON 12/3/13 @ 6:30 FOR 2001 PIERCE PUMPEX @ 65 K

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ADJOURN: @ 2130 HRS