

JAMESBURG BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Fire District No. 1

Minutes

February 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by Attorney Joseph Youssouf. The meeting is being held pursuant to The Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and provisions of that Act have been met. Meeting commenced at, 7:02PM

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Salvatore Georgianna- ABSENT
Pradeep Mathew
Stephanie Rampacek
Dina Walker
Brian Wright
Attorney Youssouf
G. Stankiewicz

Discussion to Approve 2021 Budget.

G. Stankiewicz updated the Board with information about the adoption of our budget, he stated that the State was closed today, (snow day) and couldn't review our budget so that we would have the opportunity to adopt it. Without the State reviewing our budget we cannot adopt our budget tonight. After discussion and suggestions from our Attorney and our Accountant it was recommended that we have a special meeting before our regular March meeting to adopt the 2021 budget.

A Motion was made to have a special meeting on March 4, 2021 at 7pm for the only purpose to adopt our 2021 budget.

Proposed by: B. Wright

Seconded by: S. Rampacek

All in favor: Yes

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES:

Proposed By: S. Rampacek

Seconded By: P. Mathew

All in Favor: Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephanie Rampacek, First Constitution Bank

	Checking:	Savings:
<i>Bal. Bt. Fwd:</i>	520.31	495,785.11
<i>Deposits:</i>	42,987.97	170.15
<i>Vouchers:</i>	(23,499.06)	
<i>Rec. Bal.</i>	20,010.44	452,976.51
<i>Grand Total Cash On Hand:</i>		472,986.95

MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT:

Proposed By: B. Wright
Seconded By: P. Mathew
All in Favor: Yes

REQUISITIONS:

Stephanie Rampacek: Nothing

MOTION TO ACCEPT REQUISITIONS:

Proposed By: N/A
Seconded By: N/A
All in Favor: N/A

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Joseph Youssouf:

Attorney Youssouf discussed the Fire Election time line for the State Election dates.

S. Rampacek asked a question to the Attorney, Did we do Line Item Transfers in the fall, answer was yes, by resolution the Line item transfers were done by title.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jonathon Rampacek:

We received the chair and table holders and also relocated a gutter to avoid water in basement.
Keeping up with Covid practices and keeping the Fire House clean.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chris Rampacek:

(See attached call sheet)

Tanker j-6 went out for service at Seagrave.

Chief received the tank that was damaged in a fire in 2019

Chief B. Wright if he could attempt to open communication with North Brunswick referencing the possibility of purchasing fuel from them in an emergency, when the County pumps go down, which is happening more often lately.

B. Wright stated that he will talk to the BA in North Brunswick tomorrow and get back to him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Stephanie Rampacek:

The discussion was had to see if the board was comfortable with the treasurer being able to pay recurring utility electronically in the future. Stephanie stated that she had previously spoken to the Attorney and our Accountant along with the Board Chair, and they are all in agreement with the process. Attorney Youssouf read off a resolution authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District #1 to pay the utility bills electronically on a monthly basis. The utilities would include; Cable services, Natural gas supplier, Electricity supplier, and Water supplier.

P. Mathew questioned what does NJAWC do for the amount of money we pay them?

Attorney Youssouf explained that the public water usage is billed as a tariff, referred to as the Public Fire Protection tariff. The tariff provides stand by emergency water for emergency purposes. P. Mathew stated that he was approached when the need to find a fire hydrant which was covered with snow, with no markers on them who is responsible for finding them. A question was asked by Dina Walker about why do other communities

around us have markers on their hydrants, mostly the answer was that the water supplies and hydrants in the surrounding communities are owned by the individual townships and not by a private water company. Michael Rampacek suggests that the board write a letter to NJAWC and ask them these questions and see what response we get from them. More discussion was heard about who is responsible for the clearing of snow away from fire hydrants during a storm. Dina asked P. Mathew to take the lead and draft a letter to NJAWC and see where this gets us.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Rampacek:

Met with a representative from a truck company last Tuesday and liked what was presented.

Dina stated we are looking for a rough estimate for the proposed addition? Chief stated that he remembers vaguely that the addition was about 1.5 million and a new ladder truck is in the area of 1.2 - 1.5 million with a 5-7% increase every year going forward.

Dina stated that she has asked Gerry to draft up numbers to see what the impact would possibly be when you go to spread the costs out for the two major items.

P. Mathew mentioned that there are being proposed two different purchases, the addition on the building would have to be built before the truck can be purchased.

Financing is different on the two projects; a building can be stretched out about 30-40 years and a truck about 10-12 years.

Dina asked about a LOSAP report? Some discussion was had about newly qualified members.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Proposed By: S. Rampacek

Seconded By: B. Wright

All in Favor: Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

MOTION TO CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC:

Proposed By: B. Wright

Seconded By: P. Mathew

All in Favor: Yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING: 8:01pm

Proposed By: S. Rampacek

Seconded By: B. Wright

All in Favor: Yes

Brian Wright, Clerk