

# JAMESBURG BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Fire District No. 1

Minutes

February 16, 2023

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**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting was called to order by Dina Walker. 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, 7:04pm

## FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL:** Salvatore Georgianna  
Pradeep Mathew  
Stephanie Rampacek  
Dina Walker  
Brian Wright  
Attorney Youssouf

D. Walker read a Resolution to commemorate the service that Albert Linke gave to the Jamesburg Fire Department.

Resolution moved by: S. Rampacek

2<sup>nd</sup> by: D. Walker

Adopted unanimously.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES:** (with correction to include the Auditor)

Proposed By: S. Georgianna

Seconded By: P. Mathew

All in Favor: Yes

## TREASURER'S REPORT

S. Rampacek

	<b>Checking:</b>	<b>Savings:</b>
<i>Bal. Bt. Fwd.:</i>	20,006.61	558,860.20
<i>Deposits:</i>	48,720.24	120.49
<i>Vouchers:</i>	(48,719.89)	
<i>Rec. Bal.</i>	20,006.96	510,267.41
<i>Grand Total Cash on Hand:</i>		530,274.37

S. Rampacek presented line-item transfers to the board.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Proposed By: P. Mathew  
Seconded By: S. Georgianna  
All in Favor: Yes

**REQUISITIONS:**

Nothing

**MOTION TO ACCEPT REQUISITIONS:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Nothing

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Joseph Youssouf:  
Attorney presented to the board the letter to the Middlesex County Board of Elections, as corrected to omit the use of a voting machine from the County.  
D. Walker: Thanked the Attorney for the resolution for A. Linke.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

VP Andy Stonaker:  
Vice Presented thanked the Board for working with the Fire Department during the funeral for A. Linke.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Michael Rampacek:  
J4 is back, pump work completed, and high-rise pack holders are also completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Michael Rampacek:  
The fire department has 2 trailers, a 2007 pump trailer and a 2011 relief trailer, one belonging to the Department and the other to the Commissioners.  
The Fire Department would like to swap the trailers and sell the relief trailer.  
The Fire Department only has use for one currently.  
Motion to swap trailers with the FD, pump trailer & relief trailer, declared excess property and present one for sale.  
Moved by: P. Mathew  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: S. Georgianna  
All in favor: Yes

S. Rampacek:  
The board received a resolution from the Borough Mayor and Council with regards to the compensation that each Commissioners position will receive during the 2023 budget year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

B. Wright:

The president presented to me a letter from the Borough Tax Assessor, Further Statement of Organization Claiming Property Tax Exemption, that was buried under papers in their office, I spoke to Ken Pacera, the Borough's tax assessor and he asked me to fill out the top portion of the form and return it to him.

A copy was left with the president and the original was given to Ken Pacera.

Question was asked of the Chief about the proposed donation of a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe by R. Twomey.

An extensive discussion was had about the fuel consumption that may occur with adding this vehicle to our fleet.

Discussion pursued whether the Jamesburg Fire Department will (if approved to accept vehicle), accept all responsibility of future maintenance of the vehicle, The Chief will utilize monies from his 2023 budget for the purchase of a radio and after the initial cost of the radio the Jamesburg Fire Department will maintain all maintenance of said radio. The district will pay for the fuel that the vehicle uses and place the vehicle in our fleet insurance. The vehicle will be utilized as a Deputy Chief's vehicle.

Motion to accept the donation of a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe with the above conditions to follow the vehicle.

Proposed by: B. Wright

2<sup>nd</sup> by: S. Georgianna

Roll call vote:

S. Rampacek: Yes

P. Mathew: Yes

S. Georgianna: Yes

B. Wright: Yes

D. Walker: Yes

M. Rampacek:

Chief brought up the subject about a possible insurance claim for damaged equipment during the Mill Road fire. Damaged was a 50 ft length of 1 3/4" hose.

Pair of firefighters' boots.

Hose cover on J3

It would be a \$1400 claim with a deductible of \$1000, Chief Rampacek explained that he does have a spare length of hose, at this time the Board decided not to make a claim for the damaged equipment but to purchase a new pair of boots (\$600) and replace the hose cover (\$527) at a total proposed price of approximately \$1127.00 for both. And not to purchase a new length of hose, since the Chief stated he has a spare length.

**MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Proposed By: S. Rampacek

Seconded By: P. Mathew

All in Favor: Yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Lowande gave the Board an update as to where the Borough is with FEMA and the use of the rescue squad building, currently being used by the Jamesburg Police Department.

Also, that the 3 ambulances are to be placed at the DPW yard to make more room behind the Fire House and the Squad building.

**MOTION TO CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC:**

Proposed By: B. Wright

Seconded By: S. Georgianna

All in Favor: Yes

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING: 8:19pm**

Proposed By: D. Walker

Seconded By: S. Georgianna

All in Favor: Yes

Brian Wright, Clerk