

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
330 Stillwells Corner Road
Freehold, NJ 07728**

Regular Meeting & Budget Hearing

December 26, 2023

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:56pm, and Chairman Toutouchi led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty and Stephen Lengyel. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting.

Chairman Toutouchi suspended the regular order of business to open up the budget hearing.

Motion was made by Mr. Lengyel to open up the budget hearing at 5:57pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Audience: No questions or comments from the public regarding the budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Story to close the budget hearing at 5:58pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Chairman Toutouchi continued with the regular business meeting.

Commissioner Fogarty read the 2024 Adopted Budget Resolution into the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the 2024 Adopted Budget Resolution for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty: yes

Mr. Lengyel: yes

Mr. Story: yes

Mr. Toutouchi: yes

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the December 26, 2023 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$150,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$145,260.71.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty noted that a large part of this period's bill amount is the bond payment to TD Finance in the amount of \$130,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2023 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Fire Company: Captain Erik Schneider had nothing to report from the Line Office.

Audience: (none)

Motion was made by Mr. Story to go into executive session at 6:05pm for personnel reasons.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

(Back from executive at 6:57pm; Commissioner Story had previously left during the executive meeting.)

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm.

Second: Mr. Lengyel

3-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

John Toutouchi, Chairman
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