

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
Franklin Township Somerset County
New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET MEETING OF November 16, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm at the Fire District Office by Chairman Lou Pongratz followed by reading the Sunshine Notice. This meeting is convened in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey. Let the official minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing a notice to the Home News Tribune and by filling a notice with the Clerk of Franklin Township and by posting a notice in the Municipal Building on DeMott Lane, Somerset, New Jersey all of which contain information concerning hours and places of these meetings also including a statement that the meeting is not being taped and there will be no smoking at the public meeting.

Commissioners Pongratz, Bell, Goldberg, Szyzborski and Wickman were present.

The Board reviewed Somerset Vol. Fire Company, Elizabeth Avenue Vol. Fire Company, Middlebush Vol. Fire Dept. and Millstone Valley Fire Dept. 2012 proposed fire budget with their budget reductions.

Chief Joel Lipman from Elizabeth Avenue will get the Board pricing on the replacement hose from the hose that failed the hose testing. He will notify Commissioner Bell. He will check for pricing on hose for both Elizabeth Avenue and Somerset Firehouses.

There was a concern from both Elizabeth Avenue and Millstone Valley about having the firehouse generators replaced.

Our accountant will need the cost of the five (5) fire apparatus that will be up for sale within District #1. Those for sale will be: 28-Air, 28-Brush, Engine 28, Engine 26 and Tanker 44.

The Chairman will ask the Board's Attorney if all apparatus go into a special question for the fire budget.

The Chairman will call the Board's Attorney regarding a special meeting at Elizabeth Avenue on December 8th at 7:30pm.

The Board's Attorney advised the Board that they will not have the time to vote on the Capital on November 28th due to that the special meeting was canceled due to a conflict in District training scheduling.

Commissioner Wickman made a motion that we only special question what the attorney recommends is legally required for the budget. Commissioner Goldberg seconded it and all in favor.

Upon motion, of Commissioner Wickman, seconded by Commissioner Bell, the public commentary was open. All Commissioners were in favor. There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Upon motion, of Commissioner Wickman, seconded by Commissioner Bell, the public commentary was closed. All Commissioners were in favor.

Upon motion of Commissioner Wickman, seconded by Commissioner Bell, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tim Szymborski", written in dark ink.

Tim Szymborski
Board Clerk

Cc:file