

# Dennis Township Fire District No. 1

## Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners February 19, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Dennis Township Fire District No. 1 was opened at 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall by Chairman Bryan Moran with the statement that we were compliant with the Sunshine Act and notice of the meeting was posted in Town Hall and advertised in the local papers.

**Roll call** – Present were Commissioners Bryan Moran - Chairman, Jon Gansert Sr. – Secretary, Mike Fry – Treasurer, Philip Brown, and Robert Grundlock. Also present were Solicitor James Pickering, and Financial Advisor Joe Wilshire.

**Secretary's Report** – The minutes of January's regular monthly meeting were read and a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Grundlock. All were in favor.

**Chief's Report** – Chairman Moran read the Chief's report from 1/1/14 to 1/31/14. The Fire Company responded to 2 fires, 3 rescue calls, 1 sprinkler call, and 1 alarm call. Attached to the report was a list of members that attended those calls. Truck 1712 went for an oil change and was supposed to get a quote for a cap for the truck. The quote was never done. 1732 had the ladder gantry fixed along with the clutch and gauges.

**Treasurer's Report** – Financial advisor Joe Wilshire began by saying that the end of the year budget ended with \$8,000 in the negative for Professional Services. After reversing the accrual in January, we now have an \$8,000 balance which will be used for paying some December bills.

Bills:	Selective Insurance agency		
	Brown & Brown	\$ 264.00	Bond Ins.
	Herald (2 bills)	427.67	Budgetary postings
		<u>24.72</u>	Election Notice
	Herald total	452.39	
	Jim Pickering	1,320.00	services 12/02/13 – 12/31/13
		<u>120.00</u>	services 01/13/14 – 01/22/14
	Total for Pickering	1,440.00	
	Richard Braslow	1,540.00	services 12/10/13 – 01/15/14
	Fire and Safety Services	704.44	repair ladder gantry
		<u>1,292.16</u>	repair discharge gauges
	Total F&S Services	1,996.60	
	Lincoln Financial	1,150.00	revised LOSAP payment
	Brian Moran	<u>49.97</u>	Staples printing for election
	Grand total to be paid:	\$ 6,892.96	

Chairman Moran made a motion to pay the bills and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. All were in favor.

**Old Business** - Nothing to report

**New Business** – Commissioner Fry advised the Fire Company that he had contacted the people from LOSAP and was advised that they would come down to speak with the members in reference to their LOSAP. Chairman Moran advised that he had spoken to Chief DeLuca about a cost of living increase with Lincoln Financial and he would have to table the discussion until the March meeting.

Commissioner Fry made a motion to approve and release the minutes from the Executive sessions from 2013 now that all matters had been settled. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and all were in favor.

Chairman Moran read the results from the Election for the two (2) openings for the Board of Commissioners. The names and votes tallied are as follows:

3 year position:

Robert Grundlock	20
Tammy Tozer	61

1 year position:

Paul Sutton	67 (ran unopposed)
Jon Gansert	7 (write-in votes)

Budget approval Question Passed	57 YES to 27 NO
Capital Expenditure was defeated	34 YES to 50 NO

Mr. Pickering spoke about the reorganization meeting which had taken place during the February meeting each year and is now taking place the first Tuesday in March. Mr. Pickering recommended that the Board wait until the regular meeting in March, or just have the swearing in the first Tuesday as per law. Chairman Moran decided to have the swearing in the first Tuesday of March at 12 noon.

**Public Comment** – Mrs. Izzi asked if you had to live in the district to be a fireman. She read a letter that was distributed by Chief DeLuca that stated you needed to live in the district. Mrs. Izzi was advised by Chairman Moran and Commissioner Fry that they would find out for her and let her know.

Robert Clayton stated that the resident requirement was for any new applicants but the current members who are with the fire company who do not live in the district now, used to live in the district when they applied.

Tom Rock then asked if the fire company's loan was paid off and also wanted to know when it was paid off. Chairman Moran advised Mr. Rock that he would find out and let him know.

Paul Sutton then suggested that the Commissioners put something in the minutes as to exactly when a commissioner's term starts and ends.

Chairman Moran then read the New Jersey Statute Title 40A:14-70 "Fire District designation; procedure; election of commissioners" to Mr. Sutton which explains that the commissioner's terms begin and end on the first Tuesday of March at 12 noon.

Chief DeLuca asked Chairman Moran if the fire company and the commissioners could get together before the next monthly meeting to start contract negotiations.

Chairman Moran then acknowledged that this was Mr. Pickering's last meeting with the Board of Commissioners and thanked him for all of his years of service and dedication. He also thanked the outgoing commissioners for their time and service along with congratulating the incoming commissioners.

Mr. Wilshire brought to the attention of the Board that Mr. Pickering had worked 2 months past his contract and wanted to know if he could be paid a prorated fee. A motion by Commissioner Gansert to pay Mr. Pickering \$350.00 was made and seconded by Commissioner Brown. All were in favor.

At 7:33 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Gansert and, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion was approved unanimously and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon P. Gansert Sr.  
Secretary