

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS,  
TOWNSHIP OF DENNIS; DISTRICT #2**

**January 2, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Dennis, District #2, was held on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dennisville Volunteer Fire Company in Dennisville, NJ.

Commissioners **Cliff Lockwood, Bruce Knoll, Jr., Carla Coffey, Edward Beck, and Bob McClure** were present. Also present were **Michael Bohrer, Esq., CPA**, former Accountant and Recording Secretary to the Board, **Cheryl Ward, CPA**, successor Accountant and Recording Secretary; **Michael Gihorski**, newly appointed Chief of the Dennisville Volunteer Fire Company, and **Robert Brewer**, public representative.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened by Chairman, **Cliff Lockwood**, who read the appropriate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

As the first order of business, the Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the prior meeting, held on December 5, 2017.

**Ms. Ward** presented a Treasurer's Report, including a review of the Board's final 2017 actual income and expenses relative to the budget, and the 2018 year to date expenses. **Ms. Ward** also reviewed the vendor invoices to be approved for payment, and discussed the available cash.

The Board passed Resolutions 18-1 and 18-2, authorizing **Cheryl Ward, CPA**, to transact business with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bank of Sea Isle City and Ocean First Bank on behalf of the Board.

**Mr. Bohrer** reviewed the fuel account that the Commission has with the Township of Dennis, noting that the credit balance on the account is being depleted, and may require a payment on the account in the near future.

**Ms. Ward** presented a letter from Atlantic City Electric, inviting the Board the contact the electric company with the possibility of obtaining lower rates. Commissioner **Lockwood** has agreed to follow up with the electric company to further investigate the rate options discussed in the letter.

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As requested by the Board at the December 5, 2017 meeting, **Cheryl Ward, CPA**, presented a review and summary of Local Finance Notice 2017-23, dated November 20, 2017. Based upon the review of important points in the Notice, the Board will further investigate certain directives presented in the Notice to ensure that the Board is in compliance.

The Board discussed the new law allowing fire district elections to be held in November starting with the 2019 elections. The Board agreed that moving the elections to the November general elections is not practical because the boundaries of the fire district do not align with the general election district boundaries.

A service proposal by Reliable Power was presented for an annual service contract for the generator. The contract covers the calendar year 2018 for a cost of \$495. The contract was accepted and approved by the Board.

**Mr. Bohrer** reminded the Board that two Board positions are up for election on February 17th, 2018; those being the positions currently held by Commissioners **Edward Beck** and **Bob McClure**. Both **Mr. Beck** and **Mr. McClure** have indicated their intent to run for re-election. The board is preparing for the election.

**Mr. Bohrer** reminded the board that the next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.

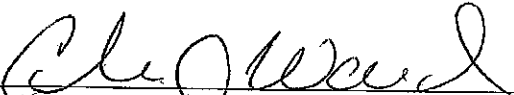
There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

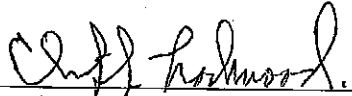
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Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Submitted,

  
Cheryl Ward, CPA, Recording Secretary

  
Cliff Lockwood, Chairman