

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

**April 4, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Dennis, District #2, was held on April 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dennisville Volunteer Fire Company in Dennisville, NJ.

Commissioners **Cliff Lockwood**, **Carla Coffey**, **Bruce Knoll, Jr.** and **Edward Beck** were present. Commissioner **Bob McClure** was unable to attend. Also present were **Cheryl Sayers, CPA**, Accountant and Recording Secretary; **Michael Gihorski**, Chief of the Dennisville Volunteer Fire Company; and **Jon Batastini**, Solicitor.

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 two meetings, held on February 7, 2023, and March 21, 2023. The minutes were approved as presented.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, including a review of the year-to-date income and expenses relative to the budget. The Board reviewed the vendor invoices to be approved for payment and discussed the available cash. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Mike Gihorski presented a Chief's report. Mr. Gihorski discussed a new motor that is needed for a rescue boat. The motor should cost approximately \$4,000. The board approved a motion to purchase a new motor for the boat, for a cost not to exceed \$4,500.

Mike Gihorski discussed a vehicle recently purchased by the fire company. The fire company is requesting that the Commission reimburse (purchase) the vehicle from the fire company. Jon Batastini discussed the procedures that must be followed to do so. Mr. Batastini will research if and how this can be done and will report back to the Board.

Mr. Batastini discussed an issue that recently arose at another local fire company. PEOSHA (Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health) is questioning the potential employment relationship between the district and the volunteer fire fighters. If it is determined that an

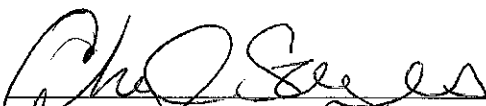
employee-employer relationship does exist between the district and the fire company, many changes in policies and procedures will need to be implemented. Mr. Batastini will monitor the situation closely and keep the board informed.


The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Submitted,

  
Cheryl Sayers, CPA, *Recording Secretary*

  
Cliff Lockwood, *Chairman*