

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

October 3, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Dennis, District #2, was held on October 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dennisville Volunteer Fire Company in Dennisville, NJ.

Commissioners **Cliff Lockwood, Bruce Knoll, Jr., Carla Coffey, and Edward Beck** were present. **Commissioner Bob McClure** was unable to attend. Also present were **Cheryl Sayers, CPA**, Accountant and Recording Secretary; and **Tonya DeVita**, Accountant with Cheryl Sayers.

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 July 3, 2023.

Mrs. Sayers presented a Treasurer's Report, including a review of the Board's 2023 year-to-date actual income and expenses relative to the budget. **Mrs. Sayers** also reviewed the vendor invoices to be approved for payment and discussed the available cash. The Board discussed equipment purchases that are planned for the remainder of 2023. At this time, no large purchases are anticipated prior to the end of the calendar year.

Currently, the board has a few CD's at 1st Bank of Sea Isle City. The CD's are set to mature in November. The Board unanimously approved a motion to roll the CD's into new CD's at 1st Bank of SIC. The current 6-month CD rate at 1st bank is 4.5%.

At this meeting, the Board began the 2024 budget process with a Budget Workshop. During this workshop, the Board informally discussed next year's proposed budget, along with its estimated operating expenses and capital expenditures. The Budget process will continue at the November meeting where the Board will approve the budget. **Mrs. Sayers** stressed the need for a quorum of the board at the next two meetings.

The Board discussed potential changes to the platform for the LOSAP plan. A representative from VFIS will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the changes in detail.

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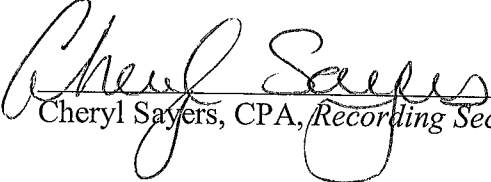
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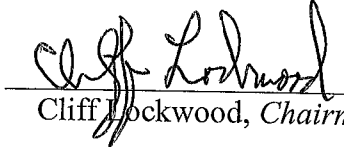
The Board discussed potentially offering a stipend program to the volunteer fire fighters, as do some other local volunteer fire companies. **Mrs. Sayers** is aware of some companies that have implemented such a program. **Mrs. Sayers** will contact those companies for guidance on implementing a stipend program.

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Submitted,


Cheryl Sayers, CPA, *Recording Secretary*


Cliff Lockwood, *Chairman*