

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

**December 5, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Dennis, District #2, was held on December 5, 2023 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 was **Cheryl Sayers, CPA**, Accountant and Recording Secretary, and **Michael Gihorski**, Chief of the Dennisville Volunteer Fire Company.

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 November 6, 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 purchases that are planned for the remainder of 2023. Due to budgetary constraints, **Mrs. Sayers** recommended that some of the anticipated purchases be delayed until 2024.

**Mrs. Sayers** noted that this month's meeting is that at which the 2024 Budget is adopted. **Mrs. Sayers** informed the Board that the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs has approved the 2024 Budget. After a brief discussion, the 2024 Budget was unanimously adopted. **Mrs. Sayers** will submit the adopted budget to the appropriate state agency.

The Board passed Resolution 23-3, to adopt a temporary budget to make appropriations and to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year, January 1, 2024, and the adoption of the budget by the legal voters of the district, which election is scheduled for February 17, 2024.

The Board reviewed and approved a proposal from **Cheryl Sayers, CPA**, to provide accounting services for the 2024 calendar year.

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The Board reviewed and approved a proposal from **D.J. Repici** to perform snow removal services for the 2024 winter season.

The Board reviewed a proposal from solicitor **Jon Batastini** to provide legal services for the 2024 calendar year. Due to a potential conflict of interest, **Bruce Knoll, Jr.** will contact **Jon Batastini** to discuss the potential conflict. The board will discuss the legal services contract at the January, 2024 meeting.


The Board reviewed and approved the meeting dates for 2024. The dates will be published as required.

**Chief Gihorski** presented a Chiefs' report. The chief discussed ongoing issues at Dennis Township Volunteer Fire Company #3 (Belleplaine). Due to a lack of members at the Belleplaine Volunteer Fire Company, Dennisville has been responding to many calls within Belleplaine's Fire District. The Chief discussed the possibility of requesting compensation of some sort from Belleplaine to reimburse Dennisville for the cost of the resources being used by Dennisville Volunteer Fire Company in responding to calls in Belleplaine's district.

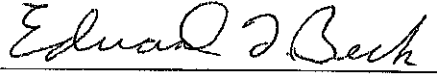
**Chief Gihorski** discussed the need for a new fire truck within the next few years. Plans should be made now for the future purchase. **Bruce Knoll** will contact **solicitor Batastini** to request that a question be added to the ballot in the February elections for the purchase of fire fighting apparatus.

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl Sayers, CPA, Recording Secretary

Approved and Submitted,

  
Cliff Lockwood, Chairman  
Edward F. Beck, Vice Chairman