

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

January 2, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Dennis, District #2, was held on January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dennis Volunteer Fire Company in Dennisville, New Jersey.

Commissioners **Carla Coffey**, **Ed Beck** and **Bruce Knoll, Jr.** were present. Commissioners **Cliff Lockwood** and **Bob McClure** were unable to attend. **Cheryl Sayers, CPA**, Accountant and Recording Secretary was also not in attendance as this was not one of her scheduled meetings. Also in attendance was **Bruce Knoll, Sr.** as a member of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman **Ed Beck**, who read the appropriate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

Minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2023 were approved.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The Board also reviewed the vendor invoices to be approved for payment and approved the payment of same.

Bruce Knoll, Jr. advised that he spoke with **Jon Batastini, Esquire** regarding the question to be added to the ballot this year for the purchase of a used truck and the language for same. **Jon Batastini** advised to keep the wording general and suggested "not to exceed \$800,000.00 for the purchase of fire apparatus."

Bruce Knoll, Jr. also advised that he spoke with **Jon Batastini** regarding his proposed professional contract and, if necessary (such as in a conflict situation), how the Fire Commission could discontinue his services. **Jon Batastini** advised that the contract contained language that "the Law Firm will also withdraw upon the Client's written request." This language appears in Paragraph 6 of the proposed contract. With that being clarified and also with the understanding that **Jon Batastini** makes the decision that a conflict exists and how representation will be handled, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to sign the contract with **Jon Batastini**.

There was also a brief discussion regarding Dennis Township Volunteer Fire Company #3 (Belleplain) present situation. **Bruce Knoll, Jr.** spoke with **Jon Batastini** regarding this as well and

Jon Batastini indicated that Belleplain is “making progress” and the situation will continue to be monitored.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

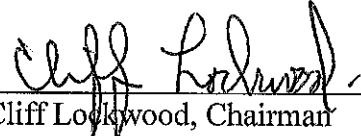
There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Submitted,



Carla A. Coffey, Acting Recording Secretary



Cliff Lockwood, Chairman