

December 18, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Dennis Township Fire District No. 1 was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John Berg with the statement that we were compliant with the Sunshine Act and notice of the meeting was posted in the Town Hall. He then led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call- Present were Commission Members John Berg, Chairman, Joe Gurdgiel, Vice Chairman, Bob Clayton, Secretary, Don Tozer, Treasurer and Jesse Gery, Commissioner. Also present was Financial Advisor Joe Willshire and Janet Webster, a representative from Cheryl Sayers, CPA, P.C. office.

Secretary's Report- Minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion to accept them as read was made by Don Tozer and seconded by Joe Gurdgiel. This motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the commission.

Treasurer's Report- The treasurer's report was read, accepted by the commission, and attached to the minutes. The following bills were presented for payment.

Township of Dennis (4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter JIF)	\$5,947.50
Garrett & Batastini (Legal Fees)	1,448.95
Joseph Willshire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Professional Services)	600.00
John Berg (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Stipend)	600.00
Joseph Gurdgiel (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Stipend)	600.00
Robert Clayton (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Stipend)	600.00
Donald Tozer (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Stipend)	600.00
Jesse Gery (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Stipend)	600.00

A motion to pay the bills was made by Joe Gurdgiel and seconded by Jesse Gery. The motion was unanimously passed by the commission and the bills were paid.

Chief's Report- John Berg read the Chief's Report which showed 12 incidents for the month of November totaling 3.4 Hrs. 4 EMS Assists, 3 Alarms, 2 Smoke Scare, 1 Building Fire, 1 Gas Leak, 1 Power Line Down.

Old Business- Joe Willshire reported that we were supposed to adopt the budget, but the state has not yet approved it. We will tentatively adopt it in January.

New Business- John Berg read a resolution to approve the Commissioner Stipend, which is \$100.00 a meeting paid in June and November. Also, the Firefighter Stipend, which is \$5.00 a call up to a maximum of \$550.00 which is paid in June. Jesse Gery made a motion to accept this resolution as read. Joe Gurdgiel seconded the motion which was unanimously passed by the commission. John then read a Retainer Agreement from Garrett & Batastini. This agreement being favorable to the Commission, it was signed and returned to Garrett & Batastini. John also brought up the fact that the state was not happy with the fact that our Fire Protection Agreement did not run from January 1 to December 1. That being said, an Agreement was reached between to Commissioners and Fire Company for the year 2025. The Fire Company will be paid a sum of \$235,000.00 to provide Fire Protection to Fire District No. 1. This will be divided into 4 quarterly payments. This being agreeable to both parties it was signed and dated.

Good of the Commission- This being Joe Willshire's last meeting as our Financial Advisor, John Berg presented him with a plaque thanking him for 30 year's service to the Commission and to the taxpayers of Fire District No. 1. The Commissioners wished him well in his retirement.

Public Comment- Nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before this commission a motion to adjourn was made by Don Tozer and seconded by Jesse Gery. This motion was passed unanimously by the commission and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

  
Robert Clayton, Secretary