

**Maurice River Township
Fire Commission, District #3
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
October 1, 2013**

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

7:15 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners District #3 was held on Tuesday evening, October 1, 2013 at 7:15 PM. The meeting was held at the Port Elizabeth Volunteer Fire Company at 7 Port Elizabeth-Cumberland Road, Port Elizabeth, NJ. The meeting was called to order by Glenn Ewan. The following commissioners were present: Glenn Ewan, Jack Lafferty Sr., Frank Vanaman.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read by Mr. Ewan who then led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The meeting was now open to conduct business.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 3, 2013 regular meeting were presented for approval. Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes, seconded by Frank Vanaman.
Motion carried: 3 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstention

Chief's Report –

Brandon Nelson, Acting Chief, reported eleven call in the month of September.
Chief Nelson advised the deck gun repair by Fire apparatus will be \$958.20.
Chief Nelson requested consideration on purchase of two additional ice rescue suits to be purchased prior to a cold water class scheduled in December; cost is \$840.00 each.
Chief Nelson advised testing and inspections on air pacs and ladders will be handled in the spring.
Chief Nelson advised a group of field instructions have created a task force to provide training countywide guaranteeing to bring fire departments in total compliance. The estimate cost per fire company in Maurice River Township is \$1,700.00. The consulting group will do training, file and mail required reports to the State and provide a complete file copy to the fire chief. It was noted the expense would have to be budgeted in 2014. Frank Vanaman asked if the consulting group could do a presentation. Asst. Chief Rascone noted the investment would be well worth it.

Frank Vanaman made a motion to accept the Chief's report, seconded by Jack Lafferty Sr.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lafferty Sr., Vanaman, Ewan Nays: None

Correspondence

1. Gov Connect Advisory Budget Documents available on-line and LFN-2013-21 Budget Instructions.
2. Maurice River Township appointment of new Fire Official – David Smith.
3. Maurice River Township 2014 Calendar inquiry.

Old Business – None

New Business

Glenn Ewan asked the life expectancy of Unit 2703 and the need to start building capital to purchase a new truck, noting the process will take at least three years. The current estimate for a new tender is \$300,000.00. He stated a referendum on the ballot is required for purchase of a new truck. The cost, amount of down payment and year first payment will be available in the budget are criteria which must be submitted to NJDCA Local Finance Board for approval.

Good of the Commission

It was noted the 2014 Budget Introduction should be held November 5, 2013; public hearing and final adoption may be held December 3, 2013. Anticipated budget transfers can be scheduled for the November meeting.

Mr. Ewan suggested a 1.5¢ increase on the 2014 tax rate which will equated to an average \$20.00 increase per household. Frank Vanaman made a motion to prepare the 2014 budget anticipating a 1.5¢ per hundred increase on the tax rate. Motion seconded by Jack Lafferty Sr.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lafferty Sr., Vanaman, Ewan Nays: None

Reading of the Bills

Port Elizabeth VFC	Contracted Service	\$6,607.75
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Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to pay all properly submitted bills, seconded by Frank Vanaman

Roll Call: Ayes: Lafferty Sr., Vanaman, Ewan Nays: None

Treasurer's Report

A treasurer's report reflected a current balance of \$87,012.44 following payment of the approved bill list.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lafferty Sr., Vanaman, Ewan Nays: None

Call for Adjournment

Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM, seconded by Frank Vanaman.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda L. Costello