

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
December 4, 2012**

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

7:10 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners District #3 was held on Tuesday evening, December 4, 2012 at 7:10 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 John Lafferty Jr. The following commissioners were present: John Lafferty Jr., Frank Vanaman, and Jack Lafferty Sr.

The Open Public Meeting statement was read by Mr. Lafferty 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 November 6, 2012 regular meeting were presented for approval. Frank Vanaman made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes, seconded by Jack Lafferty Sr.
Motion carried: 3 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstentions

Chief's Report –

Brandon Nelson, Acting Chief, reported the following responses during the month of November: 4 medical, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 CO alarm, 1 horse rescue, 1 drill.

Chief Nelson advised there are issues with the narrow banding and communications with the County stating both trucks need upgrades. Tech Com provided a quote of \$2400.00 for complete removal and installation of upgrade, including programming. The also advised the 12 portable radios are not really for fire transmission and are more commercial (PR400); the cost to replace is \$1,500.00 each. Upgrades of portables would require installation of a mobile repeater in each truck to facilitate communication with the County.

Another issue is the 10 pagers received in error by the fire company are not VHF. The mother boards can be replaced at a cost of \$200.00 each; six are needed now and four will be back-ups.

Unit 2703 has chunks of rubber missing from the tires. Advanced tire loaned the Fire Co. a tire which costs \$410.00. They recommend replacing both tires. Jack Lafferty Sr. recommended tires be replaced on both sides, inside & outside tires at an estimated cost under \$2,000.00.

Chief Nelson also advised purchase of some new gear will be necessary next year.

It was noted Brandon Nelson will be the new chief and Jeff Rascone the new assistant chief.

Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to approved the Chief's report and authorize purchase of radio upgrades to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder following submission of additional quotes. Frank Vanaman seconded the motion.

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

Correspondence - None

Old Business – None

New Business

2013 Budget Introduction

John Lafferty Jr. made a motion to approved the 2013 Budget as introduced for Maurice River Township Fire District #3 in the amount of \$72,148.00 anticipated revenues and expenditures with the amount to be raised by taxation of \$61,612.00 which will equate to an 8¢ tax rate. Motion seconded by Jack Lafferty Sr.
Roll Call: Ayes: Lafferty Sr., Lafferty Jr., Vanaman Nays: None

Good of the Commission

Reading of the Bills

Linda L. Costello	Contracted Service - Clerical	590.00
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John Lafferty Sr. made a motion to pay all properly submitted bills, seconded by John Lafferty Jr.
Roll Call: Ayes: Lafferty Sr., Lafferty Jr., Vanaman Nays: None

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report reflected a current balance of \$31,683.85 after payment of bills included on 12/04/12 bill list. Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to pay all properly submitted bills, seconded by John Lafferty Jr.
Roll Call: Ayes: Lafferty Sr., Lafferty Jr., Vanaman Nays: None

Call for Adjournment

Frank Vanaman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM, seconded by Jack Lafferty Sr.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda L. Costello