

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

**Reorganization Meeting
Minutes of Meeting Held March 5, 2013**

The reorganization meeting of the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners District #3 was held on Tuesday evening, March 5, 2013 at 7:10 PM 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, Jack Lafferty Sr.

The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by John Lafferty Jr., followed by the flag salute.

Jack Lafferty Sr. was sworn in as Commissioner for a three-year term.

Nominations for Officers:

Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to open nominations for the offices of Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. Motion seconded by Frank Vanaman. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

John Lafferty Jr. made a motion to nominate Glenn Ewan as Chairman. Motion seconded by Frank Vanaman.

No other nominations were made. Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to close nominations for Chairman; motion seconded by Frank Vanaman.

John Lafferty Jr. made a motion to nominate Keith Kelley as Secretary. Motion seconded by Frank Vanaman.

No other nominations were made. Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to close nominations for Secretary; motion seconded by Frank Vanaman.

John Lafferty Jr. made a motion to nominate Frank Vanaman as Treasurer. Motion seconded by Jack Lafferty Sr.

No other nominations were made. Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to close nominations for Treasurer; motion seconded by Frank Vanaman.

John Lafferty Jr. made a motion to accept the nominations for officers to include Glenn Ewan as Chairman, Keith Kelley as Secretary, and Frank Vanaman as Treasurer for 2013. Motion seconded by Jack Lafferty Sr.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 3 Nays - 0 Abstentions - 0

The results of the election held February 16, 2013 were read into record as follows:

Voter Turnout - 13

Jack Lafferty Sr. for Commissioner - 11 votes

Jeff Rascone III received 3 write-in votes.

The budget was approved by a vote of 11-Yes, 0-No votes.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution #2013-14:1 Appoints the South Jersey Times as the official newspaper.
2. Resolution #2013-14:2 Approves the official meeting dates for the 2013-14 year, authorizes advertisement of same, along with the 2014 annual election and reorganization notifications.
3. Resolution #2013-14:3 Authorizes contract with Port Elizabeth Fire Company for fire suppression for the 2013-14 year and establishes terms of payment.
4. Resolution #2013-14:04 Authorizes appointment of Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa as official accounting firm, with Raymond Colavita as Agent.
5. Resolution #2013-14:05 Authorizes to maintain checking account at Susquehanna Bank and designates treasurer and chairman as authorized signatories.
6. Resolution #2013-14:06 Authorizes appointment of Frank DiDomenico as solicitor of record.
7. Resolution #2013-14:07 Appoints Linda L. Costello as Recording Secretary for 2013-14 with an annual salary of \$590.00 and establishes terms of payment.

Frank Vanaman made a motion to approve the annual reorganization resolutions numbers 2013-14:1 through 2010-11:07. Motion seconded by Jack Lafferty Sr.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 3 Nays - 0 Abstentions - 0

John Lafferty Jr. made a motion to accept the current Port Elizabeth Volunteer Fire Company's Chief as Officer in Charge, Brandon Nelson. Motion seconded by Frank Vanaman.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - 3 Nays - 0 Abstentions - 0

Jack Lafferty Sr. made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 PM; motion seconded by Frank Vanaman

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Fire Commission, District #3
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey
Official Resolution

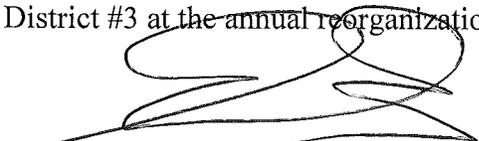
Resolution #2013-14:01

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #3, Maurice River Township, Port Elizabeth, New Jersey are required by law to have an official vehicle through which public announcements are disseminated to the general public, and

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #3, Maurice River Township, Port Elizabeth, New Jersey desire to have all public and legal announcements published in the newspaper.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #3, Maurice River township, Port Elizabeth, New Jersey designates The News of Cumberland County as the official newspaper for publishing public and legal notices for the Commission.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #3 at the annual reorganization meeting held on March 5, 2013.



Glenn Ewan, Chairman



Keith Kelley, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary of the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3, in the Township of Maurice River, State of New Jersey, located in the County of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2013-14:01 is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Maurice River Township Fire District #3 at a reorganization meeting held in the Port Elizabeth Fire Hall on March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Signed: _____
Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Fire Commission, District #3
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey
Official Resolution

Resolution #2013-14:02

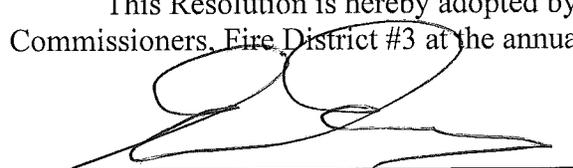
BE IT RESOLVED that the official meeting dates for the 2013-14 Board of Fire Commission – Fire District #3, Maurice River Township will be held as follows. All meetings will convene at 7:00 p.m. and no later than 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted in the schedule for by special announcement.

April 2, 2013
May 7, 2013
June 4, 2013
July 9, 2013
August 6, 2013
September 3, 2013
October 1, 2013
November 5, 2013
December 3, 2013
January 8, 2014
February 4, 2014
March 4, 2014 Reorganization Meeting & Regular Meeting

The annual Fire Commission Election for Fire District #3, Port Elizabeth and budget vote will be held at the Port Elizabeth Fire Station, 7 Port Elizabeth – Cumberland Road, Port Elizabeth, New Jersey on February 15, 2014 from 2:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings of the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3 will be held at the Port Elizabeth Fire Station, 7 Port Elizabeth-Cumberland Road, Port Elizabeth, New Jersey.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #3 at the annual reorganization meeting held on March 5, 2013.



Glenn Ewan, Chairman



Keith Kelley, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary of the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3, in the Township of Maurice River, State of New Jersey, located in the County of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2013-14:02 is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Maurice River Township Fire District #3 at a reorganization meeting held in the Port Elizabeth Fire Hall on March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Signed: _____
Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Fire Commission, District #3
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey
Official Resolution

Resolution #2013-14:03

WHEREAS it is the legal duty of the Fire Commission to provide fire suppression for the residents of the Fire District, and

WHEREAS the Fire Commission received tax revenues from the citizens of the community to provide fire suppression for the residents of the Fire District, and

WHEREAS the Fire Commission must hire the services of a provider of fire suppression for the residents of the Fire District.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fire Commissioners of Fire District #3, Maurice River Township, Port Elizabeth, Cumberland County, New Jersey, secure the services of the Port Elizabeth Volunteer Fire Department, Station #27, Port Elizabeth, New Jersey as its official fire suppression provider, at an annual fee of \$26,431.00. This fee is to be paid in the following manner: 1st Quarter, April 1, 2013, .2125% Or \$5,616.59; 2nd Quarter, July 1, 2013, .2250% Or \$5,946.97; 3rd Quarter, October 1, 2013, .250% Or \$6,607.75; and the 4th Quarter is due January 1, 2013, .3125% Or \$8,259.69.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #3 at the annual reorganization meeting held on March 5, 2013.



Glenn Ewan, Chairman



Keith Kelley, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary of the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3, in the Township of Maurice River, State of New Jersey, located in the County of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2013-14:03 is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Maurice River Township Fire District #3 at a reorganization meeting held in the Port Elizabeth Fire Hall on March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Signed: _____
Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Fire Commission, District #3
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey
Official Resolution

Resolution #2013-14:04

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners is a public entity duly elected by the citizens of the Fire District, and

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners is a purveyor of public funds, and

WHEREAS the law requires an accounting of the funds that are managed by the Fire Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3, Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, hire the accounting firm of **Nightlinger, Colavita and Volpa** as the official accounting firm for the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Raymond Colavita would be the official agent of the aforementioned firm through which the Commission would conduct its business.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #3 at the annual reorganization meeting held on March 5, 2013.



Glenn Ewan, Chairman



Keith Kelley, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary of the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3, in the Township of Maurice River, State of New Jersey, located in the County of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2013-14:04 is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Maurice River Township Fire District #3 at a reorganization meeting held in the Port Elizabeth Fire Hall on March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Signed: _____

Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Fire Commission, District #3
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey
Official Resolution

Resolution #2013-14:05

WHEREAS the Fire Commission maintains a checking account with The Susquehanna National Bank, and

WHEREAS the Fire Commission deems it necessary to protect the rights of the principals of the Commission, and

WHEREAS the Fire Commission deems it necessary to protect the revenues of the citizens of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maurice River Township Fire Commission District #3, Port Elizabeth, Cumberland County, New Jersey requires that there be two signatures on all checks that are issued by the Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the primary official signatories of the Commission will be the treasurer and chairman as follows:

Glenn Ewan, Chairman

Frank Vanaman, Jr., Treasurer

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event of absence of the Chairman and/or Treasurer, Keith Kelley, Secretary or John Lafferty, Jr., Commissioner are authorized to endorse properly approved checks for payment of Commission obligations.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #3 at the annual reorganization meeting held on March 5, 2013.



Glenn Ewan, Chairman



Keith Kelley, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary of the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3, in the Township of Maurice River, State of New Jersey, located in the County of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2013-14:05 is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Maurice River Township Fire District #3 at a reorganization meeting held in the Port Elizabeth Fire Hall on March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Signed: _____
Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Fire Commission, District #3
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey
Official Resolution

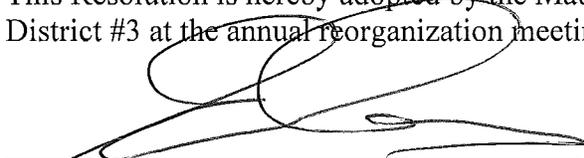
Resolution #2013-14:06

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners is a public entity duly elected by the citizens of the Fire District, and

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners is responsible for the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3, Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, hire Frank DiDomenico, Esquire, as solicitor for the District on an as needed basis.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #3 at the annual reorganization meeting held on March 5, 2013.



Glenn Ewan, Chairman



Keith Kelley, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary of the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3, in the Township of Maurice River, State of New Jersey, located in the County of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2013-14:06 is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Maurice River Township Fire District #3 at a reorganization meeting held in the Port Elizabeth Fire Hall on March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Signed: _____

Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Fire Commission, District #3
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey
Official Resolution

Resolution #2013-14:07

WHEREAS the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #3, Maurice River Township, Port Elizabeth, Cumberland County, New Jersey wishes to hire a recording secretary for the purpose of recording and maintaining minutes and documents pertinent to the functions of the Commission, and

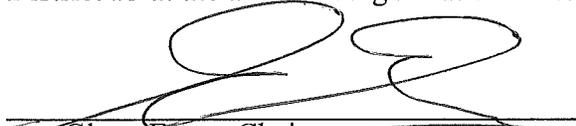
WHEREAS Linda L. Costello, P.O. Box 79, Port Elizabeth, NJ 08348 has expressed her interest in continuing to serve as the recording secretary for the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #3, and

WHEREAS the annual stipend of \$590.00 will be paid to Linda L. Costello for secretarial services performed during the 2013-14 year; beginning March 5, 2013 and ending February 28, 2013, and

WHEREAS the annual stipend will be paid on December 1, 2013 in the amount of \$590.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fire Commissioners of Fire District #3, Maurice River Township, Port Elizabeth, Cumberland County, New Jersey, that Linda L. Costello is contracted as recording secretary for the 2013-14 year with an annual stipend of \$590.00 to be paid on December 1, 2013.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #3 at the annual reorganization meeting held on March 5, 2013.



Glenn Ewan, Chairman



Keith Kelley, Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary of the Maurice River Township Fire Commission, District #3, in the Township of Maurice River, State of New Jersey, located in the County of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2013-14:07 is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of Maurice River Township Fire District #3 at a reorganization meeting held in the Port Elizabeth Fire Hall on March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Signed: _____
Linda L. Costello, Recording Secretary