

**Maurice River Township
Fire Commission, District #4
5272 Route 49, Cumberland, New Jersey**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

February 25, 2015

Meeting called to order

Commissioners Present	Charles Costello	John Hogan
	Barry Fisher	William Malone
	Lillian Johnson	

Open Public Meeting Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

December 2014 and January 2015 minutes were read.

Motion to accept Fisher, 2nd Malone, AIF

Special Agenda:

Cumberland County 911 Tower Update

James Matlock, Kevin McGahy, and Gordon Gross were present.

The tower is out to bid. The freeholders meeting will be at the end of March. Anticipate the mid to late summer for completion.

March 10 Bid Opening

March 24 Freeholder Meeting

The Generator transfer switch will be supplied to the fire dept.

Discussion on placement of transfer switch.

2 turn off switches, 1 for tower and 1 for building.

It is a 500 gallon generator

80 kw

Enough to power the building.

An MOU may be coming to the Commission in the future.

July 27, Substantial Completion.

They supplied the fire dept with all of the documents/studies pertaining to the tower.

Treasurer's report:

Balance \$317,079.84

Customary Bills Paid 2/17/15

Amerigas	612.20	Comcast	82.90
SJ Times	25.03	US Post Office	48.00
Verizon (Building)	85.02	Verizon Wireless	123.09

Bills to be approved tonight

Atlantic Electric	117.64	Richard Braslow	1775.00
Comcast	90.89	Cumb. Fire Co.	115.64 (Batteries for Air Pack)
			104.00 (Ink for Printer)

Crystal Devlin (Dec Elec)	100.00	Samantha Fisher (Dec Elec)	100.00
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Shelby Fisher (Feb Elec)	100.00	Brian Weinstein (Feb Elec)	100.00
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Deposit, Verizon Settlement \$40.00

Motion to accept report and pay bills, Fisher, 2nd Malone, AIF

Chief's Report The fire dept. ordered and AED from Continental w/Ped Pads and Extra Battery. William Pettit spoke on possibly applying for a grant. Johnson will speak with Tiffany CuvIELLO, Planner. Pettit will check on other grant writers. It was brought up to check with Joe Sterling from Leesburg Fire Co. also as he wrote grants for them.

Correspondence: Received a Map
Received the truck title for the fire truck just paid off.

Committees: Architect Proposals:
All the commissioners and the fire dept committee were given copies of all proposals prior to the meeting to review.

Erik Johnson spoke of the recommendation from the fire dept. They held a committee meeting and went through the proposals. They would like to recommend The Design Collaborative.

L. Johnson spoke with Mr. Braslow, he reviewed the proposals. He also recommended going with The Design Collaborative.

Motion Costello to hire the Design Collaborative, 2nd Fisher, AIF

Charles Costello signed a letter to the township requesting all permit fees to be waived and to use the township engineer for the site plan and survey. L. Johnson will deliver letter to the twp. committee.

Septic, Discussed what was needed to send in to get septic certified. Fire Dept. Committee will work on getting the information.

Gordon Gross was present to discuss the architect and how the twp. construction dept. will get the permits approved.

Discussed soil testing. Possibly calling Craig Testing from Mayslanding.

Old Business: None

New Business: William Pettit requested getting a new computer for the fire dept. The one that we have is slow and it is very difficult to get the necessary reports done that the fire dept has to send to the state. Discussion on this. E. Johnson will ask an IT person about adding memory to the smaller tower and to look at the current computer to see if anything can be done. Pettit will get prices on computers and bring back to next meeting.

It was found on Friday, February 20 that the heater was not working properly and also that there was a leak in the pipes making the bathroom unusable. The election was the next day. B. Fisher contacted a license HVAC person, Derick Silvers. He came out on Sat the 21st. The switch was bad, he temporarily fixed it and will order the part. He will also fix the leaking pipe.

Election:
Sat, Feb 21, 2015

16 Votes Total
16 Yes/Budget
14 Votes for William Malone
1 Vote for Stephen Kudla

William Malone was sworn in for a three year term.

Reorganization:

Nominations for Chairman

Charles Costello was nominated, he denied the nomination

Barry Fisher was nominated, he accepted

All in favor vote for Barry Fisher as Chairman

Nominations for Secretary

Lillian Johnson was nominated, she accepted

All in favor vote for Lillian Johnson as secretary

Nominations for Treasurer

Lillian Johnson was nominated, accepted

All in favor vote for Lillian Johnson as treasurer

Review of the committees of the commission.

Resolution 2015:16:1-4 were read and adopted with an all in favor vote.

(see attached)

Motion for Adjournment Johnson, 2nd Costello, AIF

Public Agenda: None

Motion for adjournment Malone, 2nd Hogan, AIF