

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
February 22, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners District #4 was held on February 22, 2012 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held at the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Company at Route 49 of Maurice River Township. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles Costello. The following commissioners were present: Charles Costello, F. Barry Fisher and Bill Malone. The open public meeting statement was read by Mr. Costello 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.

Special Agenda:

Joe Sever (County OEM Coordinator) and Gordon Gross (MRT OEM) were present to discuss the possibility of a cell tower on the fire hall property.

- Homeland Security / V-Comm per new public safety tower approval from the Board of commissioners. County has received approval from the Pinelands Commission.

- There is a cell tower to the east of the fire hall, albeit, the Public Safety antenna would have been to low.

- The tower would be 170' high and 192' overall with antenna. Concrete base is approximately 30' by 30'. There will be a small building on the base to house the generator which will run the tower and building.

Back in 2009 a letter was presented to approve the tower then, but, was delayed. A motion was carried for approval of the new tower.

Motion to Approve: Costello Second: Fisher Ayes: All

We will need to draft a new letter, with current date, stating that the Board has approved for a new Public Safety Tower to be erected on the fire hall site.

Reorganization Agenda:

The swearing in of commissioners elect: William L. Malone. Oaths were signed, are to be notarized and brought back to next meeting for filling.

Open nomination for treasurer: Nominated Sherri Welsh
Motion to Approve: Costello 2nd: Malone Ayes: All

Open nomination for secretary: Nominated F. Barry Fisher
Motion to Approve: Malone 2nd: Costello Ayes: All

Open nomination for chairperson: Nominated Charles Costello
Motion to Approve: Fisher 2nd: Malone Ayes: All

Open nomination for vice chairperson: Nominated Bill Malone
Motion to Approve: Fisher 2nd: Costello Ayes: All

Verification of election results of February 18, ²⁰¹²~~2011~~:

Voter Turnout: 10

Write in Votes: None

Budget Votes: Yes – 10 No – 0

On Ballot: William L. Malone Yes Votes: 13 (Including Absentee Ballots)
No Votes: 0

Resolutions:

1: Resolution No. 2012-13:01 – Appoints the News of Cumberland as the official newspaper.

2: Resolution No. 2012-13:02 – Approves the official meeting dates for the 2012-13 year, authorizes advertisement of the same, along with the 2012 annual election and reorganization notifications.

3: Resolution No. 2012-13:03 – Authorizes appointment of Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa as official accounting firm, with Ray Colavita as Agent.

4: Resolution No. 2012-13:04 Authorizes to maintain checking account at Sun Bank and designates all commissioners as authorized signatories.

Motion to Approve Resolutions 1 thru 4: Costello 2nd: Malone Ays: All

Minutes:

The minutes of the last held meeting, January 25, 2012 were distributed and read.

Motion to Approve: Costello Second: Malone Ays: All

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer report and bills were not read as the treasurer was not present, albeit, a resolution was passed prior making bills payable by the treasure and presented at next meeting.

Chief's Report: None as chief was not present

Correspondence: None noted

Committee Reports: None noted

Old Business:

- The Public Safety Tower as noted in Special Agenda Section of this report.

New Business:

- Need to advertise new dates for 2012-2013

- Secretary needs to sign (2) Financial Disclosure Statement forms and send back to Township Clerk, J Roy Oliver by April 30, 2012.

Public Agenda: None noted

Call for Adjournment:

- Costello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9pm, seconded by Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.