

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
February 27, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners District #4 was held on February 27, 2013 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, Lillian Johnson, Deann Chance, Bill Malone and F. Barry Fisher. 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:

CPA/Attorney At Law Michael Bohrer attended the meeting and was interviewed to assist in the treasurers duties. Mr. Bohrer assists other fire houses in our district. Mr. Bohrer fee would be \$750 a quarter or \$3,000 a year.

Reorganization Agenda:

The swearing in of commissioner elect: Deann Chance. Oath was signed, is to be notarized and brought back to next meeting for filling.

Open nomination for treasurer: Nominated Lillian Johnson
Motion to Approve: Costello 2nd: Malone Ayes: All

Open nomination for secretary: Nominated Lillian Johnson
Motion to Approve: Costello 2nd: Fisher Ayes: All

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

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

Verification of election results of February 2, 2013:

Voter Turnout: 9

Write in Votes: 10

Budget Votes: Yes – 7 No – 0

For Membership to Board of Fire Commissioners – Full Term (3 years)

- On Ballot: Lillian Johnson - 8 Votes (No Absentee Ballots)
- Write Ins (Full 3 year term):
 - Barry Fisher and/or Frank Fisher 5
 - Deann Chance 1
- Write Ins (Unexpired – 1 year term)
 - Deann Chance 4
 - Barry Fisher 1

Resolutions:

1: Resolution No. 2013-14:01 – Appoints the S.J. News Paper Co. as the official newspaper.

2: Resolution No. 2013-14:02 – Approves the official meeting dates for the 2013 and the beginning of 2014 year, authorizes advertisement of the same, along with the 2013 annual election and reorganization notifications.

3: Resolution No. 2013-14:03 – Authorizes appointment of Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa as official accounting firm, with Ray Colavita as Agent.

4: Resolution No. 2013-14:04 Authorizes to maintain checking account at Sun Bank and designates all commissioners as authorized signatories.

Motion to Approve Resolutions 1 thru 4: Costello 2nd: Fisher Ayes: All

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Minutes:

The minutes of the last held meeting, January 23, 2013 were distributed and read.

Motion to Approve: Johnson Second: Malone Ayes: All

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer report was not available as a treasure has not yet been appointed.

Chairman Charles Costello presented checks written from our banking account for utility bills and other past bills that were becoming past due.

Motion to accept and sign checks: Johnson 2nd: Malone Ayes: All

Chief's Report:

Truck #2321 (First Responder) was taken to Laffertys Auto for repair as charging system was not working.

Correspondence:

Tax Levy check needs to be deposited.

Committee Reports: None noted

Old Business:

- Received publication of Election and Budget approval. Was put in paper on 1/30/2013

New Business:

- Lillian Johnson and F. Barry Fisher accepted the 3 year terms.
- Deann Chance accepted the unexpired 1 year term.
- Need to advertise new dates for 2013 and early 2014

- A motion was made to hire Michael Bohrer to assist with the treasure duties at \$750 a quarter. Also to check if this includes assisting in the new budget.

Motion to Approve: Malone 2nd: Johnson Ayes: All

Public Agenda: None noted

Call for Adjournment:

- Costello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, seconded by Malone.
Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Term Expiration

- Costello 2014
- Chance 2014
- Malone 2015
- Johnson 2016
- Fisher 2016

2013-14 Meeting Dates

March 27 th	Sept. 25 th
April 24 th	Oct. 23 rd
May 22 nd	Nov. 13 th
June 26 th	Dec. 18 th
July 24 th	Jan. 22 nd 2014
Aug. 28 th	Feb. 26 th 2014