

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON

January 25, 2012

The regular meeting of the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners District #4 was held on January 25, 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 Mr. Charles Costello. The following commissioners were present: Charles Costello, Sherri Welch, 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 Agendas:

- Ray Colavita from out accountants office of Nighthlinger, Colavita & Volpa attended the meeting for the purpose of discussing an interest payment that our district did not receive due to an ID number mix-up in 2006-2007. Mr. Colavita brought in his notes and stated time and can not seem to resolve this matter with the state (the state had no idea were the money was at this time) and/or Sun Ban,. also to address an added bill for the accountants services above the budgeted amount quoted.

After a board discussion, a unanimous vote was made by all attending members, that this matter was not going to be resolved and that the matter in question was to be put to rest. Also, the board made a unanimous vote, by all attending members, not pay the added billing to the accountants.

Mr. Colavita stated that from now on there will be a separate billing for the budget and audit.

Minutes:

The minutes of the last held meeting December 28th, 2011 were distributed and read by F. Barry Fisher

Motion to Approve: Welch Second: Costello Nays:0

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer reported a cash balance as of December 31st, 2011 in the amount of \$173,402.04. This, from the previous balance as of December 1st, 2011 in the amount of \$125,792.47 minus December bills of \$1,214.20 plus 3rd and 4th quarter levy deposits and check from township for Fire Suppression in the amount of 48,824.50 and an interest deposit of \$.73.

Motion to Approve: Costello Second: Malone Nays: 0

Bills were read and approved for payment, except to hold additional amount billed by accountant over the budgeted amount.

Motion to Approve: Costello Second: Fisher Nays: 0

Chief's Report: None Noted

Correspondence:

- Sherri Welch received an insurance package sent from the township for the Maurice River Twp. Board of Fire Commissioners District #4 for the period starting February 20, 2011 to February 20, 2013.

Need to call Mintz Insurance to change the treasurers name from Kelly Novakowski to Sherri Welch, the current treasure.

- Sherri received notice to get copy of ballot to county. (see new busyness)

- Need to fill out township Public Information sheet that was sent to us for District #4. Chief Norris Welch will out the fireman info.

Committee Reports: None noted

Old Business:

- Mrs. Welch contacted Comcast which stated a cost of \$116 (for 24 months – call at the end of period to keep same cost) for internet, phone and fax including long distance calls. Verizon's last bill was \$112.15 not including long distance calls. A motion was made by Fisher seconded by Malone to switch to Comcast for the long distant upgrade.

- Sherri Welch contacted Mr. Bahr for new accountant information, of which there office does not handle fire districts. Mr. Bahr referred us to Scott Fond (? on spelling) and there fee was \$500 for budget and \$3,000 for audit. Mr. Colavita's office total cost was \$4,300. The board decided to stay with Mr. colavita's office after the meeting with him as he is familiar with our budget (including the budget has been met for the past few years) and familiar with our up coming projects.

New Business:

- Need to contact Crystal Devlin (did last year) and one other to sit in on the day of the election, February 18th from 2pm to 9pm.

- Need to get a copy of the current election ballot for District #4 to the county before February 10, 2012. I gave a copy of the Petition Nominating Candidate for Fire District Commissioner by Election for William L. Malone to the township clerk, Linda Costello.

- Need to check on how absente ballots are handeled.

- Public Agenda: None noted

- Call for Adjournment:

Sherri Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm, seconded by Mr. Costello Motion carried unanimously.