



# *Winslow Township Fire District # 1*



February 10, 2009  
Winslow Township Fire District #1  
9 Cedar Brook Road  
Sicklerville, New Jersey 08081

## WORKSHOP MEETING

### WINSLOW TOWNSHIP, FIRE DISTRICT #1

LOCATION OF MEETING: Winslow Township Fire District Administrative Office

### OPENING OF MEETING:

Vice Chairman Passarella called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

### SALUTE TO FLAG:

All present pledged their Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Gallo, present  
Secretary Mammucari, present  
Treasurer Pantalone, arrived late and left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.  
Commissioner Passarella, present  
Chairman Sirolli, arrived late

### OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Acting Chief Michael Scardino, Winslow Township Fire Department left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.  
Mr. Braslow, Solicitor for Winslow Township Fire District #1  
Mr. Jon Rosenkrantz, Engineer, J.E. Rosenkrantz  
Mr. Chris Rehman, Adams, Rehmann, and Heggan  
Mr. John Helbig, Adams, Rehmann, and Heggan  
Mr. Brett Ingram, Adams, Rehmann, and Heggan

Station 3 Representatives  
Bruce Schlessinger, President  
John Speece  
Harold DeWitt  
John DiThomas  
Joseph Zarrella  
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Joe Bigwood

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#### **Administrative Office**

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OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

This meeting was being conducted in full compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Law," and that Notice was sent to the Courier-Post and Record Breeze. In addition, due Notice was posted on the Official Bulletin Board of Winslow Township and no smoking was permitted in the room during the meeting. Vice Chairman Passarella announced where the emergency exits were.

Acting Chief of Department, Michael Scardino, opened the meeting by addressing the many structural defects of the building. Reports and letters were issued upon further engineering research. He then asked Mr. Rosenkrantz to provide a brief summary of the building.

Mr. Rosenkrantz initially spoke of his involvement in providing a valuation of the building. He briefly explained that a roof was installed over the existing roof where the older roof could not support the upper roof. Upon further investigation, several locations of the roof were found to be unsafe. A temporary support system was immediately installed to shore the building in deficient locations within the facility with assessments reviewed every six months.

The Board asked if the engine bay area is safe to use; explaining that Station 3 members utilize that side with the area being used for the Fire District Election. Everyone was advised that the area is safe and could be used freely. Mr. Rosenkrantz explained that the building is presently safe, but 6 month evaluations were necessary as the post supporting system installed was for temporary purposes. At this time, the building will need to have another evaluation performed. Chief Scardino addressed the overall concern the Board had with the posts throughout the office; safety wise and appearance, which constituted the decision to vacate the premises to facilitate repairs.

A discussion then ensued on the recommendations and options for Board consideration. The engineers stated that, although complicated, the old roof could be fixed. Then mentioned was that the entire roof could be replaced at a cost of \$600,000. Questions were presented on whether the engine bay could be left with a new building to be added on. The Board was advised that this was a possibility. Discussions were then held on a bond referendum that would need to be done. Presently, Station 3 was not Fire District owned.

Questions were then asked on what could be done utilizing the entire property. Mr. Helbig, along with Chris Rehmann, provided an aerial photo taken in 2007 which showed 10.8 acres of property of which there is 330' of frontage. Wetland boundaries were apparent behind the paved area. Discussions were held on building a facility with a square footage of more than 5,000 feet with the assumption that the existing lot did not deviate from the original site. A facility more than 5,000 square feet would require a storm water management system. The two (2) additional lots were contemplated as a positive feature in order to push back the wetland boundaries. A storm water management system location was the major obstacle noted with building a new facility. A Pinelands application is required for this consideration with a turnaround time that was said to be approximately 30 days provided no modifications made without prior knowledge.

A discussion was then held on the grants that may be available in the amount of one million dollars. The Board expressed an interest in researching a grant application.

Everyone was given the opportunity to direct questions to the engineers. At the close of the meeting, the Board had several options to consider before a decision could be made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Passarella entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Gallo motioned with Secretary Mammucari seconding the motion. All were in favor.

Prepared by: pj

Reviewed by: VJM

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