



Winslow Township Fire District # 1



November 17, 2010

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 Municipal Building – Court Room

OPENING OF MEETING:

Administrative Clerk Pataky called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, present
Commissioner Passarella, present
Chairman Sirolli, present

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Terry Osborne, Chief of Department
Mr. Patterson, Fire District Solicitor

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

The meeting was conducted in full compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Law," and that Notice was sent to the Courier-Post, Philadelphia Inquirer 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. Administrative Clerk Pataky then announced where the emergency exits were.

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2011 BUDGET- Chief Osborne provided an explanation of the budget's latest changes with information of status of 2010's budget that includes the budget transfer updates. Chairman Sirolli made inquiry of the revenue side being adjusted as the numbers were down. He was advised that the adjustment is being made and the overall projections budgeted were conservative. Chief Osborne then mentioned that the final numbers will be provided for December's meeting. He then reviewed other areas such as healthcare with no changes, PERS at an increase of \$7,471, Administration Other, and Training. Operational salary and wages were said to remain the same.

STATION 1- Discussions moved to a meeting between Chief Osborne and Station 1, for an appeal of costs. Talks were held on the Brush Truck and Tender housed at Station 1. Commissioner Passarella felt that it was unfair to the other stations to pay Station 1 \$20,000 since there they do not have anyone presently responding to calls but felt that \$4,000 was not enough. A discussion was held with regard to Station 1's lease with Tina Brigalia, and Station 1's expenses. All utilities were said to be included in the lease with Tina Brigalia therefore all utilities are paid by Station 1. The Fire District monies were said to cover the station expenses. Station 1 has advised that they were willing to take a reduction in the lease since the truck hasn't gotten out responding to calls. Discussions ensued with Chairman Sirolli advising that Station 1 should be paid more than \$4,000 if the station remains open. After addressing the station's expenses, Commissioner Passarella stated that the Board would like to re-visit the building/fleet plans with a report from Chief Osborne within 6 months.

A conversation then took where it was suggested that the Board schedule a Special Meeting at Station 1 to hold discussions on Station 1. The Board felt that the public located in Station 1's local should be notified that a meeting is taking place that concerns a firehouse in their location. The residents will be sent an announcement of a scheduled meeting. A question was then posed on the additional \$8,000 for Station 1's lease. It was explained that the additional \$8,000 will be taken from the Un-Reserve Fund balance.

EQUIPMENT/REPAIR- Conversations then went to equipment needing to be purchased and repair cost breakdowns.

FIRE PREVENTION FESTIVAL- Chief Osborne announced that the Station Presidents have communicated that they would like to continue holding one District-Wide fire prevention event.

TRAINING- Mention was made that the area of training was proceeding well.

BATTALION CHIEF'S- The Battalion Chief line was mentioned to be reduced by \$1,000. Discussion was then held on reducing the Battalion Chief's responses to alarm assignments. Responsibilities were to be restructured in the near future. A conversation was held on the number of chiefs in volunteer status. Chief Osborne advised that once he has the Career Officer's side aligned, he will then handle the Volunteer side.

JOHN SMITH, TREASURER OF STATION 1- John Smith thanked the Board for consideration to be made for the additional \$8,000. He then explained that his station/members have taken good care of their building and use the additional money to put back into the building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Treasurer Pantalone motioned to adjourn the Workshop/Budget Workshop Meeting discussions and move into the Regular Monthly Business Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Passarella seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Prepared by: pj
Reviewed by: LP

Approved during the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of: January 26, 2011-Rescheduled February 2, 2011