

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Washington Township Fire District No. 1  
P. O. Box 152  
Washington, New Jersey 07882**

**Minutes for January 12, 2011:**

**Meeting Called to Order by R. Dorio at 8:00 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

R. Dorio requested a moment of silence for all fallen firefighters.

**Roll Call**

Chairman – Ralph Dorio – Present  
Vice Chairman – Carl Shotwell – Present  
Secretary – Karl Spolarich – Present  
Treasurer – Mitchell Tobin – Present  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Matthew Noctor - Absent

**Certification of Public Meeting Law**

K. Spolarich, secretary, noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975 in as much as a notice had been published *The Express Times* and/or *The Star Ledger* and posted at the municipal building.

**Reading of Minutes**

Minutes from the December 8, 2010, meeting were read by K. Spolarich. Motion to accept minutes as read made by M. Tobin. Second was made by C. Shotwell. All were in favor.

**Correspondence**

M. Tobin received notice from Hartford Steam Boiler that Brass Castle Firehouse was in compliance for 2010.

M. Tobin received notice that Wachovia, the Board's public depository, will become Wells Fargo effective February 1, 2011.

M. Tobin received the renewal notification for the Board's Workmen's Compensation coverage from Liberty Mutual.

## **Report of Fire Chief**

Monthly activity report for December 2010 read and submitted by Chief M. Riotto. Chief Riotto also submitted the fire department's preliminary 2010 LOSAP numbers and a copy of the "Chief's Goals for 2011" to the Board.

## **Report of Fire Department**

None.

## **Report of Fire Official**

Monthly activity report for December 2010 read and submitted by Fire Official W. Cooper.

## **Old Business**

R. Dorio reported that the new membership application will be finalized this month and presented for approval at the Board's February meeting.

M. Tobin made a motion not to accept any perspective members in 2011 who apply using the old application due to the fact that the form is outdated. Second was made by K. Spolarich. All were in favor. All new applicants must now complete the new application in order to be considered for membership.

## **New Business**

R. Dorio reported that he received a number of questions regarding the fees associated with the Lincoln Financial Group, the Board's selected LOSAP provider. Due to these questions, he will reopen discussions with other state approved LOSAP providers.

## **Resolution #11-001 – 2011 Budget Adoption**

Proposed 2011 budget of the Board was presented for public discussion and adoption. The total budget for 2011 is \$480,072.00, with \$454,567.00 to be raised by taxation. M. Tobin made a motion to adopt the 2011 proposed budget. Second was made by K. Spolarich. All were in favor.

## **Resolution #11-002 – Bureau of Fire Prevention Salary Increase**

M. Tobin made a motion to increase the salaries of the Bureau of Fire Prevention by 2 percent, equal to Washington Township increases. The Fire Official's salary will increase from \$23.86 to \$24.34 per hour, and the Fire Inspector's salary will increase from \$18.17 to \$18.53 per hour. Second was made by K. Spolarich. All were in favor.

M. Tobin made a motion to elect Workmen's Compensation coverage with Liberty Mutual in the amount of \$23,809.00 and to pay this amount in full for 2011. Second was made by C. Shotwell. All were in favor.

K. Spolarich presented the membership application for David Schaffer of 35B Newbold Court for approval by the Board. Since this application was completed using the old form, it was returned to the chief and will be tabled until the applicant completes the new membership application form. The prospective applicant will not have to undergo a new physical or drug test.

M. Tobin asked for an update regarding the Truck Committee. Chief M. Riotto reported to the Board that the Truck Committee has made significant progress regarding the purchase of a new apparatus.

K. Spolarich reported that J. Vinson and G. Mitchell will be the poll workers for the Board's annual election on February 19, 2011.

**Meeting opened to the public by R. Dorio at 9:10 P.M.**

No public participation.

**Meeting closed to the public by R. Dorio at 9:11 P.M.**

#### **Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills**

Treasurer's report for January 2011 read by M. Tobin and submitted. Motion to pay bills made by C. Shotwell. Second was made by K. Spolarich. All were in favor. The total of the approved bills for January 2011 is \$19,306.66.

#### **Miscellaneous**

None.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion made by C. Shotwell to adjourn meeting at 9:15 P.M. Second was made by K. Spolarich. All were in favor.

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**Karl B. Spolarich**  
**Secretary**