

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

Minutes for June 8, 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 – Absent
Treasurer – Margaret Tobin – Absent
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Matthew Noctor - Present

Certification of Public Meeting Law

M. Noctor, assistant 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 May 11, 2011, meeting were read by M. Noctor. Motion to accept minutes as read made by C. Shotwell. Second was made by R. Dorio. All were in favor.

Correspondence

M. Noctor reported that payment is due for the Board's general liability policy and umbrella package with VFIS.

Report of Fire Chief

Monthly activity report for May 2011 read and submitted by Chief M. Riotto.

Chief Riotto presented plans to the Board for underground tanks in a new development.

Chief Riotto recommended four applicants for fire department membership.

Report of Fire Official

Monthly activity report for May 2011 read and submitted by Fire Official W. Cooper.

Report of Fire Department

The body raised questions at its monthly meeting regarding the progress of the LOSAP program. R. Dorio is working on this issue and will select a vendor on behalf of the Board.

Old Business

R. Dorio reported that the photograph policy will be tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

Motion made by C. Shotwell to accept the fire department membership applications for David Schaffer of 35B Newbold Court, Darian Duffell of 29 Hillcrest Avenue, Richard Duffell of 29 Hillcrest Avenue, and Nicholas Schwartz of 461 Route 57 West. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

Meeting opened to the public by R. Dorio at 8:30 P.M.

William Crampton of 173 Washburn Avenue reported to the Board that the high band radios for Warren County that were received with grant money are in storage and cannot be used since the federal government will not provide a high band channel to put the new radios into service. He considers this a safety issue and would like to see this matter pursued and resolved as soon as possible. Chief M. Riotto suggested that letters regarding this issue be sent to state freeholders, legislators, and senators, as well as the Chief's Association and the Office of Emergency Management.

Meeting closed to the public by R. Dorio at 8:40 P.M.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for June 2011 read by M. Noctor and submitted. Motion to pay bills made by C. Shotwell. Second was made by R. Dorio. All were in favor. The total of the approved bills for June 2011 is \$16,325.23.

Miscellaneous

M. Noctor reported that the Truck Committee is making progress. The committee has already had meetings with Pierce and Rescue 1, and they have a meeting scheduled with KME.

M. Noctor reported that fire department members have questions regarding the Board's accident and health policy coverage with VFIS. He will contact Pam Brown for the necessary information.

Executive session called by R. Dorio at 8:50 P.M.

Executive session called to discuss personnel matters regarding the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Executive session closed by R. Dorio at 9:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Motion made by C. Shotwell to adjourn meeting at 9:05 P.M. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

Karl B. Spolarich
Secretary