

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

Minutes for January 11, 2012:

Meeting Called to Order by C. Shotwell at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

C. Shotwell requested a moment of silence for all fallen firefighters.

Roll Call

Chairman – Ralph Dorio – Absent
Vice Chairman – Carl Shotwell – Present
Secretary – Karl Spolarich – Present
Treasurer – Margaret 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 14, 2011, 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 reported that VFIS issued a check to Firefighter M. Frenzel in the amount of \$500.00 for damage to his personal vehicle while responding to a call on October 29, 2011.

M. Tobin received a request from VFIS for further information regarding the gear loss on December 12, 2011. M. Tobin will provide the necessary information to VFIS.

Report of Fire Chief

Monthly activity report for December 2011 read and submitted by ex-Chief M. Riotto and Chief G. Mitchell.

Report of Fire Department

President J. Vergos requested the Board's support of the fire department's SmartStart Energy Audit.

Report of Fire Official

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

Old Business

M. Tobin requested that the Board switch internet providers and presented a quote from Comcast for \$338.65 a month for said services. Motion to switch internet provider to Comcast made by K. Spolarich. Second was made by M. Tobin. All were in favor.

Bids

C. Shotwell opened and read the following bids for the Board's proposed fire apparatus:

New Jersey Emergency Vehicles/Rescue 1 presented a bid in the amount of \$429,288.00 with an additional \$250.00 charge for inspection trips.

KME Fire Apparatus presented a bid in the amount of \$448,269.00 with no additional charges for inspection trips.

Pierce Manufacturing presented a bid in the amount of \$399,967.00 with an additional \$850.00 charge per person for inspection trips.

New Business

M. Tobin reported that the captain and lieutenant of the fire department requested cell phones for fire department use. Motion to purchase cell phones and plans for these officers for fire department use made by M. Tobin. Second was made by C. Shotwell. All were in favor.

Meeting opened to the public by C. Shotwell at 8:28 P.M.

No public participation.

Meeting closed to the public by C. Shotwell at 8:29 P.M.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for January 2012 read by M. Tobin and submitted. Motion to pay bills made by K. Spolarich. Second was made by C. Shotwell. All were in favor. The total of the approved bills for January 2012 is \$20,112.84.

Miscellaneous

Resolution #12-001 – 2012 Budget Adoption

Proposed 2012 budget of the Board was presented for public discussion and adoption. The total budget for 2012 is \$589,866.00, with \$464,361.00 to be raised by taxation. K. Spolarich made a motion to adopt the 2012 proposed budget. Second was made by M. Tobin. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Motion made by M. Tobin to adjourn meeting at 8:38 P.M. Second was made by C. Shotwell. All were in favor.

Karl B. Spolarich
Secretary