

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

Minutes for February 8, 2012:

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 – Margaret Tobin – Present
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Matthew Noctor - Present

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 January 11, 2012, meeting were read by K. Spolarich. Motion to accept minutes as read made by C. Shotwell. Second was made by M. Tobin. All were in favor.

Correspondence

None.

Report of Fire Chief

Monthly activity report for January 2012 read and submitted by Chief G. Mitchell.

Report of Fire Department

None.

Report of Fire Official

None.

Old Business

R. Dorio reported that the 2011 LOSAP percentages have been completed and posted at both firehouses. Members have thirty days to appeal.

R. Dorio reported that it was a unanimous decision of the Truck Committee to accept the bid from Pierce and that the bid was reviewed by the Board's attorney.

Motion made by K. Spolarich to sign the Pierce lease that includes pre-payment discounts. The term is for seven years with \$100,000.00 down, a 1.92 percent effective rate, and an annual payment of \$46,206.84. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

M. Noctor made a motion to send three people, including one commissioner, on two separate inspection trips for the new apparatus at actual cost. Second was made by C. Shotwell. All were in favor.

M. Tobin reported that the internet and phone service have been switched to Comcast and are installed and running.

New Business

M. Tobin presented a cell phone agreement to be signed by all fire department officers issued a cell phone. Discussion followed. M. Tobin will revise the language of the agreement and present it at the next monthly meeting.

Resolution #12-002 – Authorizing Late Adoption of 2012 Budget

K. Spolarich made a motion to authorize the late adoption of the 2012 budget. Second was made by M. Tobin. All were in favor.

Resolution #12-003 – LOSAP Minimum Withdrawal Age

R. Dorio made a motion to make the minimum withdrawal age of the LOSAP program fifty-five years of age. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

Meeting opened to the public by R. Dorio at 9:16 P.M.

J. Vergos, fire department president, notified the Board that the fire department wishes to send two additional members on the initial inspection trip of the new apparatus at a cost to the fire department.

Meeting closed to the public by R. Dorio at 9:21 P.M.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for February 2012 read by M. Tobin and submitted. Motion to pay bills made by M. Noctor. Second was made by C. Shotwell. All were in favor. The total of the approved bills for February 2012 is \$39,993.83.

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by K. Spolarich to adjourn meeting at 9:25 P.M. Second was made by M. Tobin. All were in favor.

Karl B. Spolarich
Secretary