

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

Minutes for May 9, 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 – Absent
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 April 11, 2012, meeting were read by K. Spolarich. Motion to accept minutes as read made by M. Noctor. Second was made by C. Shotwell. All were in favor.

Correspondence

M. Noctor received a credit of \$9,645.00 from Liberty Mutual as a result of the Workmen's Compensation annual audit.

M. Noctor received a check from VFIS in the amount of \$248.00 for Firefighter R. Dorio's eyeglasses that were damaged at a fire call.

M. Noctor received a check from VFIS in the amount of \$629.63 for the bunker gear, boots, and voice amplifier that were damaged at a fire call.

K. Spolarich received notification from New Jersey American Water that there will be a 1 percent increase to the public fire service rates for the remainder of 2012 and 2013. This brings the cost per hydrant to \$523.20 annually.

K. Spolarich received the minutes from the March 3, 2012, quarterly meeting of the New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts.

Report of Fire Chief

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

Chief G. Mitchell requested that the Board purchase an additional set of turnout gear from the 2012 budget.

Report of Fire Official

Monthly activity report for April 2012 read and submitted by Fire Official W. Cooper.

Report of Fire Department

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion made by K. Spolarich to accept Keith Dunn of 32½ East Church Street, Washington Borough, as a probationary member of the fire department and grant a residency waiver at the recommendation of Chief G. Mitchell. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

Motion made by K. Spolarich to accept Guy Kaps of 10 Vanatta Street, Washington Borough, as a probationary member of the fire department and grant a residency waiver at the recommendation of Chief G. Mitchell. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

Motion made by K. Spolarich to accept Bailey Duffell of 29 Hillcrest Avenue as a cadet member of the fire department. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

Meeting opened to the public by C. Shotwell at 8:20 P.M.

No public participation.

Meeting closed to the public by C. Shotwell at 8:21 P.M.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for May 2012 read by M. Noctor 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 May 2012 is \$31,827.77.

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by K. Spolarich to adjourn meeting at 8:27 P.M. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

Karl B. Spolarich
Secretary