

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

Minutes for September 8, 2010:

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 – Absent
Secretary – Karl Spolarich – Present
Treasurer – Mitchell 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 August 11, 2010, meeting were read by K. Spolarich. Motion to accept minutes as read made by M. Tobin. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

Correspondence

None.

Report of Fire Chief

Monthly activity report for August 2010 read and submitted by Chief M. Riotto.

Report of Fire Department

None.

Report of Fire Official

Monthly activity report for August 2010 read and submitted by Fire Official W. Cooper. Monthly activity report included a request to increase annual inspection fees, effective January 1, 2011, to properly cover administrative costs.

Old Business

R. Dorio reviewed the proposed fire department applications and made recommendations to the fire department. R. Dorio asked that the fire department provide an updated proposed application to the Board. Approval of the proposed fire department application tabled until next month's meeting, pending receipt of said application.

New Business

K. Spolarich made a motion to increase the Bureau of Fire Prevention's annual inspection fees, effective January 1, 2011, in accordance with the schedule submitted by Fire Official W. Cooper. Second was made by M. Tobin. All were in favor. Fire Official W. Cooper will present the proposed annual inspection fee increases to the Town Council for approval and ordinance changes.

R. Dorio presented the International Seatbelt Pledge and demonstrated the Board's support of this initiative by having all present Commissioners sign said pledge. R. Dorio requested that the fire chief and officers also support this pledge by encouraging all members of the fire department to sign the pledge as well.

Meeting opened to the public by R. Dorio at 8:38 P.M.

J. Vinson, 96 Rymon Road, expressed concerns regarding the Bureau of Fire Prevention's proposed annual inspection fee increases during these trying economic times. R. Dorio explained that these are user fees for businesses and are necessary to defer costs to the taxpayers.

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

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for September 2010 read by M. Tobin and submitted. Motion to pay bills made by M. Noctor. Second was made by K. Spolarich. All were in favor. The total of the approved bills for September 2010 is \$26,656.49.

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by M. Tobin to adjourn meeting at 8:42 P.M. Second was made by M. Noctor. All were in favor.

Karl B. Spolarich
Secretary