# Fire District # 1 Marlboro Township

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District # 1, Marlboro Township, was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Chairman MacDonald at 8 PM as per the Open Public Meeting Act, all rose to salute the flag.

ROLL CALL: Douglas Tilton : Present

Paul Elkin : Absent Charles VanCuren : Present Michael MacDonald : Present John Borden - Present

Zach Steinfeld was sworn in as Chief Engineer by Charles Brodsky, Attorney for the Board.

Commissioner Borden made a motion (23) to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting; seconded by Commissioner VanCuren.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Douglas Tilton : Yes

Charles VanCuren : Yes John Borden : Yes Michael MacDonald : Yes

**Correspondence:** Deborah distributed the correspondence and it was discussed

during the Commissioner Reports.

**Legal Report:** The Legal Report was given by Charles Brodsky.

• The Budget has passed and both Charlie VanCuren and Michael MacDonald were re-elected to the Board.

**Auditors Report:** The Auditors Report was given by Ron Petrics.

- The Engagement Letter has been signed.
- The Audit will begin as soon as everything is ready by the Board Clerk for Ron.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Chaplinski gave his report.

- Attached is list of the Chief's Handout.
- Call Report
- Request Letter for Website
- Upgrade for Truck 1-86
- Information on OPTICOM
- List of Equipment the Chief would like to order and price quotes.
- Laptop, projector and screen are in.
- All hats, shirts and jackets are ordered and may go over the \$1,000 by a little.
- Boots were ordered for Levine and Natale.

- Surplus money from the Fire Company spoke to the Treasurer and a check will be provided to the Board.
- Batteries are needed for the April truck check.
- We want to get a shoe for our uniforms, on March 20, 2014, Dave who is now with Action Uniform will come to bring us some samples and pricing.

# **Commissioner Reports:**

## Borden:

- The Fit Test machine is in.
- 1-75 jen set wasn't working.
- Fit Test 11 people still must go.

Ron spoke about OPTICOM – 120K – Manalapan put it in as a Capital Project and they approved it and used Capital Funds for it. A Capital Project will not affect the tax rate and it doesn't have to be done all at once. That item will not impact the regular budget. Voter authorization is necessary and approval by voters is necessary for the following year.

The two options in doing this are:

- Piece meal
- Capital Project with Voter Approval

# Tilton:

- The vouchers were signed and submitted to the Township for our quarterly payments.
- FEMA money nothing has happened with it and we provided the information and we have not yet heard anything

## VanCuren:

- Money Market Account \$ 579,185.03
  Checking Account \$20,799.05
- Surplus pagers we want to get rid of we have several that we will dispose of like the last time.

#### **Old Business:**

# Tilton:

• Narrow banding licenses Monmouth Fire 1 frequency we have to call the salesmen from Quality to ensure we have the licenses we need.

## **New Business:**

## VanCuren:

• We are going to surplus 14 pagers, 4 chargers and 2 portables.

Commissioner Borden made a motion (24) surplus the radio equipment mentioned above; seconded by Commissioner Tilton.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Douglas Tilton : Yes

Charles VanCuren : Yes John Borden : Yes Michael MacDonald : Yes

Commissioner Borden made a motion (25) to renew Fail Safe; seconded by Commissioner Tilton.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Douglas Tilton : Yes

Charles VanCuren : Yes John Borden : Yes Michael MacDonald : Yes

Commissioner Tilton made a motion (26) to increase the clerks' salary to \$8,500 this year and as in the past make it retroactive to January 2014; seconded by Commissioner VanCuren.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Douglas Tilton : Yes

Charles VanCuren : Yes John Borden : Yes Michael MacDonald : Yes

Chairman MacDonald wanted to wait a month before proceeding with the purchase of the items submitted by the chief in his equipment request.

Chairman MacDonald wanted the research continued on storage modifications on 1-86.

Commissioner Borden is working on a written agreement for the Fit Test Equipment.

Commissioner Tilton reviewed the draft of the Rental Agreement and has suggested minor adjustments to be made by our Legal Counsel.

Commissioner Borden made a motion (27) to pay the bills before the; seconded by Commissioner VanCuren.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Douglas Tilton : Yes

Charles VanCuren : Yes John Borden : Yes Michael MacDonald : Yes

# Commissioner VanCuren made a motion (28) to close the meeting at 8:45 pm; seconded by Commissioner Borden.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Douglas Tilton : Yes

Charles VanCuren : Yes John Borden : Yes Michael MacDonald : Yes

Respectfully Submitted, Deborah Kruer Clerk