

Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2

Minutes

DATE December 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2 was called to order at 17:00 hrs. at the, Pleasant Plains Firehouse, 40 Clayton Avenue Toms River, New Jersey. Chairman Britton made the required public statement. "Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the adoption of a schedule of regular meetings and notice thereof being posted in the Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River; being filed with the Municipal Clerk and being transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with statute."

Roll call was taken; Present: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Absent:

Application for Membership- A resignation was received from Daniel Mechowski from Station 30. A motion was made by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Willson to accept the resignation.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson, Mr Heroy

Nay:

Minutes of the previous meeting: were approved on a motion offered by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Willson and accepted as written providing that the minutes shall be made available for inspection by any member of the public during the meeting.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

Cash Receipts :

Received check #000327 from the Toms River Fire District #1 in the amount of \$16,714.80 for November 2023 Bureau Revenue.

Received check #000327 from the Toms River Fire District #1 in the amount of \$11,218.93 for 2023 Penalties.

Bills: were presented for payment by Mr. Duff and were approved to be paid on a motion offered by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Heroy. Each commissioner abstains to his voucher, if any.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

Bank of America	16.43	Keatin, John	720.00
Boulder Petroleum	873.37	Lincoln Financial	19,028.53
Classic Paining	2,400.00	Primepoint	113.70
Electronic Measurements	20,599.98	Riggins	1,416.87
Elite Vehicle Solutions	427.68	Toms River Fire District 1	76,111.20
ERS	8,430.49	Toms River Fitness	180.00
Hackensack Meridian	1,100.00	Toms River MUA	745.00
Janora, Matthew	720.00	Velting Overhead Door	1,566.00
JCP&L	372.50		

Total \$134,821.75

Correspondence: Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners

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Communication/IT: Mr. Britton advised the new communication center is not ready and will be delayed.

Apparatus: Mr. Seiders reported repairs were made to Station 30 apparatus. Mr. Willson reported 2927 sign board still has not been repaired. Administrator Carson suggested sending a letter from Mr. Braslow to WANCO Company to try and get the repairs made. A motion was made by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Willson to have Mr. Braslow draft a letter.

Fire Academy: Director Gorman thanked the board for a successful year.

Purchasing: Administrator Carson reported the following:

Station 29 request FOAM to replace what was used at Roberts Trailer Park Car Fire

Station 29 and 30 request for 12 Volt chargers for Gas Meters.

Fuel Nozzle at Station 30 repaired for diesel

A motion was made by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Willson to approved the purchases.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

Substation: Mr. Britton reported the gear washer was installed and that they are looking into leaks by the back door, side window and admin office.

Chief Officers' Association: Assistant Chief Yezzi advised the officer qualification SOG was sent to both boards for review. Director Gorman advised what was new in the SOG. The board will discuss it at the next Joint Board meeting.

Silverton Report: Captain Cocco thanked the board for everything the past year.

Pleasant Plains report: Assistant Chief Yezzi thanks the board as well for the past year.

Business Administrator's report: Administrator Carson reported progress.

New Business:

Public Hearing on 2024 Budget – Commissioner Britton asked members of the public if they have any questions or comments. There were none.

Resolution to Adopt the 2024 Budget was introduced by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Duff (attached).

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Willson, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders
Nay: None.

2024 Budget Transfers A motion was made by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Duff to approve the transfers.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson
Nay:

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Worker Compensation 2024 Administrator Carson advised the board that AMTRUST sent a notice of non renewal for 2024. After researching, it was found that the NJ State Plan is the best option. A motion was made by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Heroy to go with the NJ State Plan.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

Nay:

Assistant Chief Yezzi reminded the board that we need to get the word out to the public to support the budget.

Closed Session: A resolution was introduced by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Willson to go into closed session at 17:28 hrs.

Roll call was taken; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson
Nay:

WHEREAS PL-1975 Chapter 231 allows for meetings in closed session on matters of personnel and contractual; and

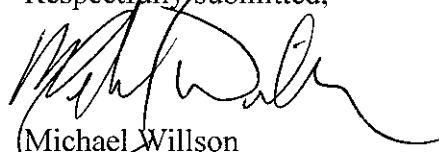
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN go into closed session to discuss these matters as permitted by the open public act and that the results of this closed session be available to the general public upon the completion of the acceptance of the minutes at the next regular meeting and at such time as this matter in closed session is resolved.

Resume Regular Session: A motion was offered by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Seiders to resume regular session at 17:55 hrs.

Roll call was taken; Present: Mr. Britton, Mr. Duff, Mr. Heroy, Mr. Seiders, Mr. Willson

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Heroy at 17:56 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,


(Michael Willson
Clerk

Resolution
December 20, 2023
Authorization of Budget Transfers and Encumbrances

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean to undertake certain transfers and encumbrances relative to the current Commissioners' budget in order to reflect monies expended or encumbered to date by the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall serve as authorization for said budget transfers and encumbrances as noted herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean as follows:

(1) The following budget transfers and encumbrances are approved by the Commissioners within the Operating Appropriations portion of the budget:

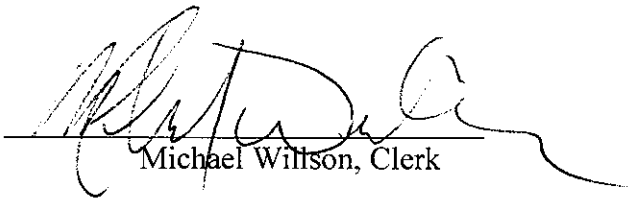
Monies transferred between the following line items:

From Administration, Election Notices and Ballots	(\$500.00)
To Administration, Postage	\$400.00
To Operations, Sewer	\$100.00
From Administration, Office Staff Health Benefits	(\$7,500.00)
From Administration, Payroll Expense	\$7,500.00

CERTIFICATION

I Michael Willson, Clerk of the Commissioners, of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean hereby certify that the foregoing

resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Commissioners held on
December 20, 2023.



Michael Willson, Clerk

2024 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

Toms River FD No. 2

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Toms River FD No. 2 (the 'Fire District') for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 has been presented for adoption before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of December 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$4,458,026.53 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$3,826,319.66, and Total Appropriations of \$4,458,026.53; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February in each established fire district to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at an open public meeting held on December 20, 2023 that the Annual Budget of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 is hereby adopted and, shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$4,458,026.53, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$3,826,319.66, and Total Appropriations of \$4,458,026.53; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an annual election shall be held on the third Saturday of February to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. The results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipal Assessor.

mwilson@trfire.org
(Secretary's Signature)

December 20, 2023
(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Kevin W. Britton	X			
Michael Willson	X			
Joseph Duff	X			
Richard Heroy	X			
David H. Seiders	X			