

Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2

Minutes

DATE November 15, 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- Applications received for Michael Escott and Derrick Cytryn both for Silverton Fire Company and Fernando Miguel Valencia for Pleasant Plains Fire Company. A motion was made by Mr. Seiders, seconded by Mr. Willson to accept all into the departments.

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. Duff 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 #121185 from the Township of Toms River in the amount of \$905,675.86 for 3rd Quarter 2023 Tax Assessment.

Received check #52523 from the Fire Recovery USA, LLC in the amount of \$390.00 for Structure Fire Claim.

Received check #000327 from the Toms River Fire District #1 in the amount of \$18,053.28 for October 2023 Bureau Revenue.

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	174.14	NJ Natural Gas	71.86
County Line Hardware	400.00	Primepoint	72.50
Crunch Gym	63.00	Riggins	2,161.89
ERS	215.00	Service Tire	2920.00
Hackensack Meridian	1,276.00	Toms River Fire District 1	71,301.73
Independent Mechanical	438.00	Toms River Fitness	175.00
JCP&L	300.84	Velting Overhead Door	1,308.00
Mr. Keys	730.00		
Total	\$81,607.96		

Correspondence: Correspondence has been provided to all commissioners

Communication/IT: Mr. Britton advised the pagers and radios are being rolled out.

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Apparatus: Mr Seiders reported the crack in the valve of 3065 was replaced. Mr. Willson reported 2900 is repaired and 2979 pump is installed.

Fire Academy: Director Gorman advised that Engine 1 is OOS and the panel in the burn room has been replaced.

Purchasing: Administrator Carson reported the following:

Request from both Chief to purchase Junior Helmets at a cost \$5,250 for 10.

Motion by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Seiders to purchase the helmets.

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

Nay:

Silverton Report: Chief Keating reported that their air packs are continuing to break down.

Pleasant Plains report: Chief Janora reported progress.

Business Administrator's report: Administrator Carson reported the following:

1. **Radio System-** Base Stations going in this week. Portables are in place and being used along with pagers.
2. **Access Control-** working on additional access. Also inquiry about Fire Investigators access.
3. **Certificates for all-** the office is working on compiling all the certificates for all members at the request of the board. Chairman Britton reminded everyone that he is the one who requested the copies of the certificates to be on file.

New Business:

Resolution to Introduce the 2024 Budget was introduced by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Brian Logan was on hand to introduce the 2024 budget to the public. The overall rate is staying at \$0.05 per 100 evaluation. Motion by Mr. Duff, seconded by Mr. Willson to accept the budget as is.

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

Nay:

LOSAP: A discussion was held on the meeting held with the liaisons and the Chiefs and Presidents about the new losap rules. Once the attorney and the representative from Lincoln Financial review them, they will be distributed for final review and approval.

2023 Stipend: Administrator Carson reported the 2023 stipend calculations have been completed and ready for disbursement. A motion was made by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Heroy to pay them out.

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

Nay:

Resolution for 2023 Budget Transfers

There was a motion made by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Willson to approve the Budget Transfers.

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

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Nay:

Access to stations for all Inspectors. A discussion was held to allow access to the firehouses. Both company representatives had no issues with granting access and the board was in agreement.

Closed Session: A resolution was introduced by Mr. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Seiders to go into closed session at 17:24 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

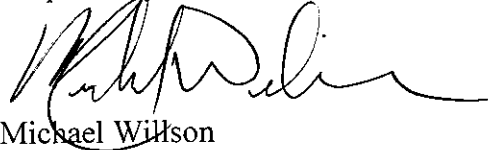
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN go into closed session to discuss these matters as permitted by the open public act and that the results of this closed session be available to the general public upon the completion 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. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Seiders to resume regular session at 18:23hrs.

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. Heroy, seconded by Mr. Seiders at 18:24 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Willson
Clerk

2024 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Toms River FD No. 2

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

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for Toms River FD No. 2 (the 'Fire District') for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 has been presented before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of November 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the budget as introduced 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 introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$4,458,026.53 which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$3,826,319.66 and Total Appropriations of \$4,458,026.53; and

WHEREAS, the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget shall be the amount to be certified to the assessor of the municipality to be assessed against the taxable property in the district, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-79. Such amount shall be equal to the amount of the total appropriations set forth in the budget minus the total amount surplus and miscellaneous revenues set forth in the budget; and

WHEREAS, in calculating the amount to be raised by taxation, the Fire District has taken into account the assessed valuation of taxable property in the Fire District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, at an open public meeting held on November 15, 2023 that the Annual Budget, including all related schedules, of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the Fire District's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District will consider the Annual Budget for adoption on December 20, 2023.

mwillson@trfire.org
(Secretary's Signature)

November 15, 2023
(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

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

Resolution

November 15, 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:

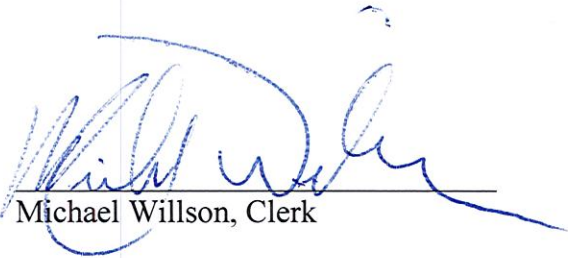
Monies transferred between the following line items:

From Administration, Office Staff Health Benefits	(500.00)
To Administration, Supplies	\$500.00
From Administration, Office Staff Health Benefits	(\$5,000.00)
To Administration, Office Equipment and Programming	\$5,000.00
From Maintenance, Outside Maintenance	(\$6,000.00)
To Maintenance, Inside Maintenance	\$6,000.00
From Administration, Office Staff Health Benefits	(\$5,000.00)
To Maintenance, Station Equipment	\$5,000.00

From Operations, Radios & Computer Equipment	(\$40,000.00)
To Operations, Fire Equipment	\$40,000.00
From Operations, Fire Police	(\$4,000.00)
To Operations, Fire Equipment	\$4,000.00
From Operations, Public Safety Program	(\$3,500.00)
To Operations, Fire Equipment	\$3,500.00
From Operations, Fire School	(\$6,000.00)
To Operations, Fire Equipment	\$6,000.00

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 15, 2023.



Michael Willson, Clerk