

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

Maria Bucsanszky – All the requirements of the “Open Public Meeting Act” have been complied with by advertising in the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger. Copies of the meeting notice have been sent to the Municipal Clerk’s Office and posted on the bulletin board of the fire house and the post offices of Woodbridge and Sewaren.

Commissioner John C. Kenny led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed member, Robert Kocelick, and also prayers out to Firefighter Marty Genser who is on a quick road to recovery after a serious illness.

PRESENT: Commissioner John C. Kenny, Commissioner Todd Howell, Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr., Commissioner Patrick Kenny

EXCUSED: Commissioner Jeffrey Moran

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney – Christopher Howell
Chief John Golden
Marianne Horta
District Clerk - Maria Bucsanszky

Commissioner J.C.K.: I’d like to make a motion, because I know we have special people who came down here for tonight and I don’t want to hold them up for the night, so can we make a motion to go to the regular portion of the meeting first so then we can address any questions that they may have.

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to go to the regular portion of the meeting first which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr.

Commissioner J.C.K.: So I know you’re here tonight to talk about 109 Green Street so I’ll give you a little background and then you’re more than welcome to answer any questions that you may have. So about two years ago we started leasing 109 Green Street from Mr. Zennario. We ran out of room in here. Actually, this wall over here was the Fire Prevention office but due to growth this is now more a dormitory for our full-time firefighters. Actually, we just had to go through extensive measures because of COVID because basically in the bunks you could almost be sleeping in this bunk and he’d be sleeping in that bunk and we could almost go, hello.

Commissioner T.H.: Too close.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Or wake up you got a call so we just went through that there so we moved Fire Prevention up there and we moved the Chief's office up there. We also in 2018 we created a Career Chief in here so there's a full time Chief that works daily which I know you met Chief Golden as one of you did today. So we used our reserves and we made the purchase with voter approval for 109 Green Street and that was closed in January. Right now, our situation is that we're out of room here at 418 School Street; we have no more room. We currently use facilities down at Motiva or the old Shell Oil to house our foam trailer and our hose on trailer there is a special foam nozzle that is on the trailer. Our Fire Prevention vehicle right now we are having our Fire Inspectors take them home so that they are not around so it doesn't cause more traffic over there and stuff like that while we're trying to work through this so we took everything that we knew we needed room for and what we are leasing up in Access Self Storage and tried to design something to fit and to be able to handle growth. At one time we did try to purchase the property next door to the old squad building but that was voted down no so that never happened. So this is our next spot that we can see we could try to keep both the Suppression in operation and the Administration and Fire Prevention somewhere close to each other so that's why we looked where an architect to see about trying to put a garage in which we do have drawings, the Chief brought drawings here tonight, there's a site plan and it actually shows the garage. We are very concerned about making sure that everything fits in the décor of Green Street so that's why the garage is all the way far back and it's supposed to have a colonial brick face on it so if you did see it way in the back that it looks esthetically correct. The house in the front is esthetically going to stay the same; we're not changing that. We told the architect that it had to fit with what was there. The pool is actually where...I know the attorney is working with the vendor; there's actually a built-in pool in the back there. That is a breeding mess for mosquitos so the pool is being removed. Unfortunately, it didn't move as quickly as we wanted because we found out that the paint in the pool had PCB so that the pool has to be removed in a certain manner for environmental purposes. So we came and we met, we had prices from the architect, we had prices from the estimator that we had to get for the State of New Jersey and we came up with this not to exceed to put a two floor garage in the back that would house the Fire Prevention vehicles, it would house our pickup truck, it would house the van and it would house like I said the hose trailer, the foam trailer and the foam nozzle that we have and then there is a bay that can fit one fire pumper and the reason that's there is that in the wintertime we snowplow ourselves so that pumper would be relocated so we put those vehicles inside the building. We are not responding with fire apparatus out of the property; we have no intention of that. It's really going to be administrative for Fire Prevention during the day Monday through Friday and the Chief's office. There is an accountant's office that has been there before we started renting, that person is going to stay, and they will house their normal business that they've been doing for years there. We are looking to get parking in the back. We do not want parking on Green Street; we want Green Street to stay the way that it's always been. Maybe somebody that is visiting parks their car there to go into the home and then that's it; that's all that we should be seeing there. We did take down trees because we had five trees already fall on us and we were concerned about the dentist next door that lot there. If

one of those large trees fell over it could wind up hitting a car or something. But our plan is that when we are rebuilding, if it's approved, then we would be putting new trees and new landscaping in. We want it to look like just another home on Green Street. We don't want it to look like a business; we don't want it to be something that doesn't fit with the décor of the area. So, it came up...there is a Special Election on the 18th of this month. It's for \$7.4 million but the \$7.4 million is \$1.3 million is going towards the new ladder truck so it's really \$6.1 million, not to exceed. Like if the ladder truck...right now the going price of a ladder truck that we had to get the estimate to the state is \$1.5 million. It's almost two years for a new ladder truck so escalation costs we put \$1.8 million. We're taking \$500,000.00 out of our reserve for new equipment and we're using that towards it so if let's say it stays at \$1.5 million then we only need to bond \$1 million instead of \$1.3 million. The same thing with the garage in the back. It's a garage because there has to be escalation costs in there. There also has to be escalation costs and contingencies by state law so if those costs don't run as much then that bottom would also be less. It comes out to about \$63.00 a home or about .17th of a penny a day or something like that. Any of us are open to any questions.

Margaret Gaydos: My first question is that did you mention that you are going to put trees. Are you going do that to buffer between the house that is next door to you, the big brick house? Will there be trees going down that way?

Commissioner J.C.K.: If you would like it but I know that he was very happy because he actually can see Chief Golden that we cleared out that back because he has died trees behind the tennis court so he needs to come in on our property to be able to access and he wouldn't even have been able to until we cleared that area out.

Margaret Gaydos: So he's aware of that and he's okay with your plan?

Chief Golden: Yes, the gentleman that....

Margaret Gaydos: Gary?

Chief Golden: Gary. As they were doing the work at 109 Green Street Gary actually got a contractor. He was in today cutting trees down in the back by the tennis court. Gary says that the family is interested in getting their pool back up and running and that the trees are shading his pool. He is now taking trees out in his back property and there are three trees right along the building that he's planning on taking them down is what he told me.

Margaret Gaydos: Okay, so he's okay with what you guys talked about then.

Chief Golden: Yes.

Margaret Gaydos: Because that was my concern. I had tried to get them to come tonight but they weren't available.

Chief Golden: He actually called the secretary today, he received a phone call to come tonight, he called the secretary today and said that he is in full support of what the fire department is going to do.

Margaret Gaydos: Okay, I just wanted to be sure that that was covered.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay.

Margaret Gaydos: And then on the addition do you do a second floor, a second story, on top of the five bays?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yes.

Margaret Gaydos: What is going to happen up there?

Commissioner J.C.K.: That's where we can use that for training so we can have indoor training like we used to be able to move around in here to be able to set up obstacle courses inside where we would cover our masks, be able to feel around or we have been served now as our RIT which is the Rapid Intervention Team which is there like if a First Responder goes down or something or if someone is trapped that that team just goes in there and they can just...if there is someone to go to I'm trying to get to you and no matter what's in my way I'm going to get through and I'm coming to you so that also can be there for training and stuff.

Margaret Gaydos: So you don't really foresee that happening where you rent that out?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Oh no never. Oh no we don't rent. No, no, no, no we don't rent. It's not like the First Aid. We don't do that. We don't want the liability. We don't do it here and we're not going to do it there.

Margaret Gaydos: Would it be for parties or anything like that?

Commissioner J.C.K.: No,

Margaret Gaydos: And you did say that early on; I appreciate you mentioning that. Anything that is going to happen there is going to be during working business hours so I mean do you not see that like a 24/7 access to the Schrock's or get in and out?

Commissioner J.C.K.: No because mostly the Fire Prevention works from 7 AM to 5 PM Monday thru Friday. We are going to have showers up in 109 because if this building has to be closed due to you know like what we had with COVID so if there is an exposure in here that this building that is closed then you know for the firefighters to be able to take a shower after they... we would just have a shower facility up there just for them. They'd shower, dry off and they'd come to wherever.

Margaret Gaydos: And that's on an as needed basis; you have no control over it.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right.

Commissioner T.H.: Let's hope there is no more of that stuff. We had enough.

Commissioner P.K.: The only time they would go in there after hours is if they needed to retrieve the phone equipment to go to a call. They might have to go up there and just get the phone equipment that would be in there.

Margaret Gaydos: And would they have to use sirens getting in and out of there?

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, they would just use the pickup truck, back the pickup truck up, hitch on, drive out, go down the road, clear the area and when they would get up to 35 then they would be putting the lights on if they needed to or siren but it would be up at 35. It would not be in that zone.

Margaret Gaydos: And the driveway that's there now is that going to be there, the only driveway in and out?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yes.

Stacy Trascetti: The bay we're sending over so is this building the size of what would be back there? There's five bays downstairs.

Commissioner T.H.: Not quite.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Hold in, let me think. If you took the back of this building it would be pretty close to as long as...is it 55 this way, it's on the drawing. Is it 55 this way and 86? So it would be sideways.

Commissioner T.H.: Can I say one thing?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah.

Commissioner T.H.: Bear in mind ma'am that while this building is five bays these bays are large for fire apparatus. Those bays will be for pickup trucks and cars. Two of the bays are a little bit bigger in case we have to put an engine and store it there but the building itself would be narrower, not as wide. And part of the second floor would be used for storage. We have no place left in this building to store anything. If you want a history lesson this building was designed in the mid-60s and built in 1967 and 68. At that time this department was much smaller than it is today so that we've totally outgrown the building. We don't have any place to put things like closets and trailers with foam and hose and stuff. We just have no room.

Commissioner R.M.: Would you like to look at the plans?

Margaret Gaydos: Yeah.

Laura Bradshaw: I live on the corner of Green and Linden facing across the two-family house that...

Commissioner T.H.: The brick house?

Laura Bradshaw: I'm the yellow Victorian house; I face across from Dunman's house.

Commissioner T.H.: Bradshaw?

Laura Bradshaw: Bradshaw.

Commissioner T.H.: You're Bradshaw.

Laura Bradshaw: I'm Bradshaw, yes.

Commissioner T.H.: I thought you looked familiar.

Laura Bradshaw: Yes.

Commissioner T.H.: White Church.

Laura Bradshaw: Yes, from church although I'm pretty sure I was excommunicated from the church.

Commissioner T.H.: I thought you looked familiar.

Laura Bradshaw: So at first I wanted to go on record if there is a record that I very much appreciate the service that you all provide. It takes a special person to do what you all do and I do appreciate it and I don't want to come across as if I don't. I think... Tony asked some very good questions; they were helpful for me to get some contacts. What I struggle with is that Green Street has become the go to strip for all the changes in Woodbridge Proper right now, at least that's how it feels to me. We fought very hard when we were told it was too late to fight what was happening down at Rahway and Green; that monstrosity that's being built. What's being built around the corner by the monument somebody is going to hit and killed; that's just a matter of time. I'm very unhappy with all of the development that is happening in the community and I've been vocal about that in and the Mayor knows how I feel but I've gone on record but to no avail I should say. My frustration is that the town continues to see Green Street, which is struggling to stay as a neighborhood, continues to see Green Street as the go to option for alternative housing whether it's a two-family house on a one family street, whether it's housing Fire Prevention

vehicles or what have you. Most of us don't have two story garages, some of us do depending on the nature of your property, but I'm struggling with the pure size of this building that is going to be on Green Street. Any trees you put in are going to be this big compared to the building and I appreciate that you want a landscaper to try to create some sort of buffer but that's not going to buffer for twenty years. I have gotten increasingly frustrated with what's happening on this street which I probably said three times already to the point where my husband and I are getting ready to move and his family has been in that house since 1957, I think.

Commissioner T.H.: Harold Witherberg sold it to them, right?

Laura Bradshaw: The Witherberg's sold to the Lockie's and the Lockie's were there until we bought it from my mother-in-law and my kids love our home, we love our backyard; we don't even have a front yard anymore. The traffic backup on Green Street, the speeding on Green Street, the litter on my front yard all of that has become a problem because of other projects. Those projects aren't your responsibility I understand that but I feel like I, and my husband who couldn't come tonight, are at a breaking point with what keeps being done in our immediate neighborhood. I'm curious...you know I just don't know how a five-bay garage, even if they are smaller bays than here, fits the décor of the neighborhood. You can put a colonial front on it but it's still a five -bay garage; none of us have five-bay garages. I'm curious about the expected, I never get these words right, egress and ingress and traffic. You did say that there would be no live responses coming from there, I guess that's the right way to say it.

Commissioner T.H.: Correct.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Correct.

Laura Bradshaw: That this is more of an administrative Fire Prevention which has a set work schedule. But I just am not a believer that the traffic isn't going to become a problem. We have had to fight hard to keep our street from turning into a parking lot and you know it's not clear to me where would people park when you have people visiting. If the bays are full with equipment where are people going with their personal cars to go take a shower or do whatever?

Commissioner J.C.K.: It's right there.

Laura Bradshaw: Okay, I'll take a look at it later.

Chief Golden: If you guys want to wait or if you want to see these and not wait for the meeting I can take them downstairs and go over them.

Laura Bradshaw: Alright.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah.

Laura Bradshaw: So, the last thing that I just want to share is that we have been told as a concerned involved community many, many times that we have come to the respective Boards too late in the process. I've been yelled at by Mark Rogot, oh Miss Bradshaw you're ten years too late and when we push and say, well what could we have done to come on time to stop something from happening that we feel absolutely will impact our property value and impact our quality of life and certainly impact the esthetics of our street. We are given roundabout answers that don't help us. We've met with our Councilwoman, Nancy Drumm. We're waiting two and a half years now for a response on when we could have inserted ourselves in the process to stop the things happening on Green Street. You know it feels to me like this is a fate accomplie. You've already cut down a forest behind that house so it doesn't seem like there's any stopping this. I'm glad to hear that Roger Peskie's successor, the brick house, I'm glad to hear that that family feels like this will help them in their backyard if it allows them to add a pool or whatever; who am I to tell a resident that they shouldn't have a better quality of life. But I am just doubting that this is going to be as smooth and easy as you are all thinking because none of these other projects have played out like that. What Marge Gaydos, my next-door neighbor, had to do to fight to get parking spaces back in front of her house on Green Street because of what the Credit Union did to Green Street it's despicable and we just had one issue, after another, after another and they never played out the way we expect. The last thing I want to share is that you know the new ladder truck, if I were a betting woman I'd say we need a lot more equipment because of all these high-rise high-density buildings going up. I raised that with the Planning Board. They told us there would be no impact on our taxes, no worries and it all passed the fire inspection. There is no way we are adding what thirty floors of buildings around this four-block square area without taxing our firefighting system and in addition to the cost I'm assuming we're going to have to hire more firefighters, that's probably why you're outgrowing this dormitory space because we have to hire more people and sure the staff should have a good place to sleep but this is my point when I say we're told, you aren't going to feel a blip when we build that five story building down the street. It's going to be business as usual, it's not. There are knock down effects to the decisions that are being made in this town about developing out the little bit of space that we have left that's green. It's not Green Street anymore; it's turning into a highway. I said my peace.

Commissioner T.H.: Can I say something?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Go ahead.

Commissioner T.H.: I'd like to respond to you because like you I've lived here all my life, eighty-one years now, right in Woodbridge or part of it in Sewaren but most of it in Woodbridge here. Do I like everything I see? Nope I don't. But as a Fire Commissioner and this Board we don't have any control over what they do downtown, this is an automatous and separate Board. Our mission here is to provide fire protection. To people who are going to live in those buildings we have to provide

fire protection for them and then we'll go to the ladder truck which you mentioned. The ladder truck is in its sixteenth year and for fire apparatus that's old and as the President, Mr. Kenny, mentioned if you were to pick up the telephone and place an order for a truck today you wouldn't back it in the garage here at least two years. It's not like going and buying a Toyota where you just go and pick it up and then they give you the keys and you drive home in it, it's takes time. You have to inspect it, you have to build it and then it gets delivered; it takes a long time and we need a ladder truck now even more than ever with all these multi-story buildings. When they start putting up buildings that are five, six, seven stories high as you know we have to have a ladder truck because we have to be able to save lives and that's the reason we're asking the public to approve this Bond issue so we can replace the ladder truck.

Laura Bradshaw: I think it's the accumulation of everything that has happened that has changed the complexion of our neighborhood.

Commissioner T.H.: Right.

Laura Bradshaw: That frustrates me.

Commissioner T.H.: We are doing our best on Green Street to keep the actual visual architecture of 109 as it is. It looks like a colonial building; it's about a hundred and some years old. The garage will be all the way in the back of the lot against the rear property line. In order to see it you would have to look down the driveway actually to see it and we're not going to operate apparatus out of it.

Laura Bradshaw: I'll be able to see now there's no trees.

Commissioner T.H.: Yes, I understand, I understand. I know how you feel about trees; I feel the same way. It takes forty years to grow a tree and forty minutes to cut it down but nevertheless I'm upset about progress in this town too but I just know that as a member of this Board that I have to see to it that we protect the lives first then property and unfortunately the growing pains are not always very good. I wouldn't want to live on Green Street either, I agree with you one hundred percent. I got enough problems living on a little dead-end street off of Elmwood Avenue. When I go to go out and it's backed up from Main all the way down past my street into the park because of just volume, just volume.

Laura Bradshaw: Which we were told in traffic reports that there would be no increase in volume.

Commissioner T.H.: Yeah, well I got news for you...

Laura Bradshaw: There would be less volume in the parking lot.

Commissioner T.H.: After 3:00 PM on Downing Street you stay home, you don't go anywhere, but we're doing the best; we're going to do our very best to minimize the impact. By having this parking lot in the back of the building we can keep people who come to visit...first of all it keeps Fire Prevention and employee's cars off of Green Street, it would be a much bigger parking lot than we have now, and visitors that come will be requested to park in the back in that lot so that we don't have a jam up on Green Street.

Laura Bradshaw: It's become very unsafe that's really my biggest issue. Because of where I live and I see how people double lane coming down Green into 35 or coming off of 35. Really unsafe traffic practices have developed there. I don't know if it's from volume or there's no policing; it's bad. We've seen many, many accidents in front of our house in the last twelve months.

Commissioner T.H.: Yeah, volume makes it even difficult to walk across the street.

Laura Bradshaw: Absolutely.

Commissioner T.H.: But we'll try and minimize with our practices traffic parking in front of our building. By using this larger lot we can put it all in the back, that is the plan and that is what the Chief is going to show you in the plans if you would like to see them and it will tell you and show you exactly how it's laid out.

Stacy Traschetti: Are you adding on to the main building too?

Commissioner J.C.K.: In the very back there was, I don't know if you've ever been in the back there, there's a toilet I guess was for an outside bathroom for the pool so that is going to come down that back part and then there's the addition on the back so that you don't see it from the front, it's in the back there and then we start the trees along the park lane because we were taking to make sure that we don't bother or put a negative effect on the park itself.

Laura Bradshaw: Nobody lives in the park we live on Green Street.

Commissioner J.C.K.: I'm just saying both sides; we're trying to do both sides.

Laura Bradshaw: I appreciate what you're saying but we're preserving it where people drive through in really seconds.

Stacy Traschetti: You know it's very upsetting to see forty trees coming down. You know those trees have been there forever. I know that a lot of trees were not just on your property they were also on the dentist's side. I mean you cut his down. Obviously, he wanted them down so you know you didn't upset him but...

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah, he actually...before we even purchased, he was going through his scenario complaining about the trees.

Stacy Traschetti: But they're on his side basically.

Commissioner T.H.: Some of them.

Chief John Golden: Some were and some weren't. They were on our side and grew on his side.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right, so he was going back and forth on that. But just so you know the process would be there's an election on the 18th. If the election passes then we have to go to the state and we have to get approval from the state. Then we can go to Planning and Zoning and go in front of them for theirs. Listen we're not going to (inaudible) we're going to (inaudible).

Stacy Traschetti: Why did the trees come down before any of this?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Because the trees were falling down. We had five trees that fell down way in the back.

Laura Bradshaw: You even cut down the dogwood in the front that was blooming every year. You know I mean it was like why even did that tree have to come down?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Well, I can tell you that in the plan there, because of ADA, there has to be a handicapped ramp to get into the building.

Laura Bradshaw: But then you presuming that it's approved I guess that...

Commissioner J.C.K.: No matter what...

Commissioner P.K.: In the existing building right now.

Commissioner J.C.K.: In the very existing building.

Laura Bradshaw: You're in compliance right now with the ADA?

Commissioner P.K.: Since we just bought it we wouldn't be in compliance so now we have to actually put a handicapped ramp in now that we have (inaudible).

Commissioner J.C.K.: No matter what that's why we took so much time for just to sign to make sure that the sign was esthetically. We didn't want to throw something up there.

Stacy Traschetti: The landscaping looks beautiful.

Natasha: I'm at 108. You know what, that's what I see every day all the time. I loved it when we had Stern & Dragoset up there then we watched everything change

and it's looks better now than it has in a long time when the trees came down. I mean I'll admit I'm not into all the local news; we don't even get the newspaper anymore. When the trees came down...and in fact we asked them to come trim a tree in our yard and then we just heard them every day. You know some trees trimmed I get it but then it's like what's going on.

Stacy Traschetti: It kept going and going.

Natasha: And that's what prompted us to find out.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Well, we're sorry about that. But just so you know this weekend there's supposed to be, I think if I understand in the last email, they're supposed to be actually power washing the gutters out, cleaning the gutters out and power washing the building itself to make it look a little bit more cleaner and then they are supposed to be putting around where the sign is some flowers and stuff to make it look like more of a home.

Margaret Gaydos: I mean it definitely looks like you're trying to make... it looks more like a house than it has in a long time.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay.

Commissioner R.M.: We're trying to make it fit into the neighborhood.

Laura Bradshaw: And coming here tonight I said, you are really brave calling and complaining about all the fire trucks parked around my house lately.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No that's not a problem. So we bought the building; we want to build a partnership with this because if you're not happy we're not happy you know and we try to find this. Maybe we can...if it passes on the 18th we can work with you and you can meet with our architect and maybe we can try to take some of the garages and maybe turn them on the side.

Laura Bradshaw: Well I was going to ask you is it going to run lengthwise or is it going to run left to right across the back of the lot?

Commissioner J.C.K.: It's going to run....

Natasha: Will we see it above the existing building?

Commissioner J.C.K.: We can get you some elevations to find out what that is.

Laura Bradshaw: There's no elevations on that is there?

Commissioner J.C.K.: No this is only just the layout. This doesn't have all the grades.

Chief Golden: It's the building I have from conception really.

Commissioner T.H.: It shows you the front elevation.

Chief Golden: Then you will not be able to see over the existing building the garage.

Commissioner T.H.: No.

Tony Aragon: The garage will go...another words from that driveway you will be looking at the front of the building.

Laura Bradshaw: The bays. So you will be in and the house this way and the garage this way.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Because where the driveway is the driveway would come down but then there's parking and then we actually put in there for a solar canopy to be put in to be able to use some renewable so we would put some solar renewable in there so that may sort of like...

Laura Bradshaw: Those panels would be on the roof of the garage?

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, no not on this roof of the garage. In the parking lot itself.

Laura Bradshaw: That's another structure.

Commissioner J.C.K.: So something like that or we can look to see that's why we said we're willing to work with you. We can put them on the roof of the back of garage.

Laura Bradshaw: That would be a huge improvement on the roof verses separate construct.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, that's no problem.

Commissioner T.H.: Like we have here; this building has them. You can't see them from the ground but they're here.

Natasha: I appreciate it guys and I'm happy that you were there. I felt that you know you were going to be a good neighbor and you know come in soon. You know it was nice to see that the fire department was there and one of our concerns also is you know we go to these meetings and we get yes to death and we voice our concerns and I'm just going to use the Credit Union as an example. You know we went there when they first came and they said we have one or two people come an hour to their office on Main Street. It's not going to be busy, that's how it's going to be. They approved it and low and behold we had everything from the police cars, the fire

trucks, the garbage truck, everybody in town was at that building because that's were they did all their banking so my point is you say that you are not going to do you know house the fire trucks there. You not going to use it for incoming and outgoing. Now what happens you know in a year from now when all of a sudden you know these buildings you need more equipment and you know you need to add on you know. How will we be reassured?

Commissioner J.C.K.: If we're going first let's say, because this is always up in the air, we're being told that this fire house is staying here, that's what we're being told. Sometimes we're in the blind just as much as you.

Natasha: Who's telling you?

Laura Bradshaw: Who tells you that?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Main Street is telling us that this firehouse is staying here.

Commissioner R.M.: Because there was a rumor saying that we weren't (inaudible).

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right, that they were going to take this building and they were going to make this into condos or apartments.

Laura Bradshaw: What a surprise, high density housing, what a surprise.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Something like that.

Laura Bradshaw: Right.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Now I just was over there four months ago because I had to speak to them about Green Street and I said, what's going on because we need to know because we are, unfortunately it's just a societal change that's going on, we are losing volunteers right and left. It used to be 60 hours/80 hours you were a certified firefighter now today it's 240 hours and so that's almost six months of going three nights a week and stuff so everyone said forget it so where we had thirty-five I would say good strong coming in, we're down to ten so the only choice is the career. We are where Chief Golden is working with other fire districts like Port Reading and Avenel to try to control costs and we're trying to do something where we're doing auto-aid where you know we'll have a call and maybe Port Reading is going to be coming with some of their career guys to back us up or Avenel depending on what section or Fords to try to help us there. But no matter what if we have to do anything more where the equipment lies, we have no other choice but we need to build a substation which would have to be up near the Lowe's in that area because of response times.

Laura Bradshaw: You wouldn't change this building into a substation?

Commissioner J.C.K. No.

Commissioner R.M.: No, it's too close.

Commissioner T.H.: This building here?

Laura Bradshaw: No, the building that we're talking about on Green Street.

Commissioner T.H.: No, that wouldn't work.

Commissioner R.M.: We would need to go out on outer Main Street; we would need to go to outer Main Street. We call outer Main Street out by Lowe's because of all the building out there and all the previous building out there.

Laura Bradshaw: For response time or?

Commissioner R.M.: Sure, and you got more traffic.

Natasha: Soon as these people move in you won't get anywhere quickly.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right.

Chief John Golden: Yes ma'am we do understand what you're saying.

Natasha: People don't think these tenants are going to have cars and they're all going to take the train.

Commissioner T.H.: How are they going to get to the train?

Commissioner R.M.: Well, they might take the train Monday through Friday but they're going to drive at night when we can.

Laura Bradshaw: That's what our argument is.

Margaret Gaydos: My other concern or question actually is \$5.4 million for a garage.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, no, no \$5.4 million is for the two-story garage and the addition on the back and the internal, not on the outside, internal modernization inside the old red house. Inside, not outside.

Laura Bradshaw: So, Marge is a realtor so I'm sure you're going \$5 million?

Margaret Gaydos: I'm just thinking you know I'm a contractor too and that you know \$5.4 million it just seems to be excessive. I know the architect is you know a big chunk of it but...

Commissioner J.C.K.: I think it's almost...I don't want to talk out of school, I think it's almost \$1.2 million and that we have to pay a contingency and escalation costs that the state makes us put.

Margaret Gaydos: But this is just a garage, correct? You're not having like all your equipment like you would have here. You know the equipment downstairs and things; this is just a garage to store things, correct?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right.

Commissioner T.H.: But it's a pretty big...

Margaret Gaydos: And upstairs pretty much an empty room...

Commissioner J.C.K.: It's an empty room if they want to use it for a training prop, they can use it internally for a training prop or for storage or a classroom you know.

Laura Bradshaw: But millions sound like a lot of money.

Commissioner R.M.: Yes, ma'am it does and I can totally understand what you're both saying. You know when you start looking into the cost of stuff...I work in the county and we built a building a training tower and there's nothing much to it, it was \$3.5 million.

Laura Bradshaw: A training tower.

Commissioner R.M.: It's a block building; four walls. It's amazing on how fast the cost goes.

Laura Bradshaw: Do you bid out to contractors?

Commissioner P.K.: Oh yeah, everything has to go out to bid

Laura Bradshaw: Where did you get the estimates from right now? Like where did you come up with that \$5 million.

Commissioner J.C.K.: The estimate came from a personal estimator that was the architect who got ahold of which then got a look by our Purchasing Agent to validate and our Bond Attorney so they all looked at it. I can tell you right now that it was (inaudible) we had to just put (inaudible) there was an open room over here and we just put pods to separate and we actually had it put in this building we put ionization into the HVAC to stop the spread of COVID and it was close to \$800,000.00 to do that and you're talking about that just this room that runs there and this thing over here and everything else is pretty much the existing HVAC and we put the ionizations in and out there they had to put the new unit in but \$800,000.00 for that.

Commissioner T.H.: Unbelievable the amount it costs when you say architects, engineers and consultants.

Laura Bradshaw: We use all those types of resources in corporate American; we would never spend that much money. We just would never. We would drive the cost down by finding the best bid. That just... that's how it government works.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Just hold on one second, we haven't gone to bid yet. We have to do the election and after the election if the election is approved then we have to go out to bid. Right Marianne? Then everything goes out. We only have a conceptual drawing from an architect that gave us what we think could work and now put an estimator to that and then after the estimator now I can go to the Bond Attorney where we're at and then the Bond Attorney says, okay this is what it's going to cost you with the bonds and now you need to get voter approval if they say yes or no. If the voters say no everything just stops. It's just a matter of making the building, the red house, work ADA wise.

Laura Bradshaw: If you put a bid out are you independently choosing who you go to for bids or are you told by Town Hall?

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, we're independent. We would go out and then there would be sealed bids and then they have to go back to a certified purchasing agent and then they have to take them and they have to review them and then they tell us who they say is the lowest bid.

Commissioner R.M.: Who meets the criteria.

Commissioner T.H.: Responsible one.

Commissioner P.K.: Like they said the state says you have to give us an estimate of what you think the bond is going to be. You don't have to spend the whole bond but if you underestimate your bond and your cost comes in more you're out of luck.

Tony Aragon: So what happens if you get the bond at \$7.4 and you get estimates of \$6 million what happens the bond is approved for \$7.4.

Commissioner P.K.: That's for ladder truck and the building.

Natasha: You fund the bond whatever you would get.

Stacy Traschetti: You don't refund what you don't use? You would refund what you don't use.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah.

Commissioner P.K.: You don't have to use the whole entire bond. We have to give them estimates to say, okay a new ladder truck is going to cost this.

Tony Aragon: If you got that much you'd find something to use it for.

Commissioner T.H.: You can only use it what the bond says it's for.

Margaret Gaydos: What happens if it's not approved but then you need the truck. What do you do then?

Commissioner R.M.: We'd try again.

Commissioner J.C.K.: We said we'd have a meeting. we'd figure out what we're going to do; what's our next step.

Commissioner T.H.: One of the things that I would point out is, so that you are fully cognizant of why we want to replace the ladder truck is, we had a great deal of expense in the last three or four years because it's getting older, number one. Number two it's manufactured by American LaFrance and we bought it in 2006 and in 2014 American LaFrance declared bankruptcy and ceased operations so you can't get parts; we have a lot of trouble getting certain parts. Now you can get engine parts because the engine is manufactured by Cummins that's not a problem. But pretty much anything else on it is almost impossible to get parts for and as I said it's getting a little long in the tooth. For aerial ladder trucks, when they get 15, 16, 18 years old they've about reached the end of their life of usefulness.

Marge Gaydos: I don't think we have a problem with that.

Steve Traschetti: Yeah, we have no issue with that.

Commissioner T.H.: I'm building up the answer to your question. Your question was, what if you don't get the bond issue what do you do with the ladder truck we got? You're just going to spend a lot of money to fix it, a lot of money, and its money, that in my opinion, is wasted. It would be like taking a twenty-year-old Honda and spending \$10,000.00 to fix it up. Nobody in their right mind would do that.

Margaret Gaydos: We have no issue with the truck.

Tony Aragon: Okay you guys need a truck get a truck absolutely.

Laura Bradshaw: Equipment, get equipment, no problem. You know you need it.

Commissioner R.M.: Thank you.

Commissioner T.H.: We promise to do it.

Stacy Traschetti: So you only have one ladder truck?

Commissioner J.C.K.: We have one and other districts within the township have ladder trucks.

Margaret Gaydos: Oh so they can help out.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Fords has a ladder truck, Iselin has a ladder truck, Keasbey has one and I think Avenel has one.

Commissioner P.K.: What happens right now when our ladder truck is out of service we have to rely on Avenel so when the tones go in and we have a working fire if our guys roll out of here and they don't know it's a working fire until they get there and now they say, hey will you please bang out Avenel for their ladder truck well now you just lost almost five, six, seven minutes by the time they tow them out, by the time they get there and they get to the scene you got somebody that's hanging out of the window and need gear you're going to put ground ladders up if you could reach and ground ladders can only go so high.

Stacy Traschetti: Like what happened in Carteret.

Commissioner P.K.: Yes, we were actually out there for the Carteret fire.

Stacy Traschetti: Were you.

Commissioner P.K.: We're the first ladder truck in to Carteret for mutual aid and we were set up right in front of the building actually foaming it.

Commissioner R.M. They got six or seven ladder trucks there.

Commissioner P.K.: Just so you know I asked, as a Commissioner, I wanted to know how much have we spent in repairs on the ladder truck for the last three years. It's almost \$280,000.00 we spent on repairs on that ladder truck in the last three years so I kind of wanted eight years but I said, hey for the meeting I'd like to at least have three years because I wanted to bring it to the Board's attention and say, hey okay maybe it'll be small; maybe it will be big but actually the Chief and his staff got it to me on Thursday. It's almost \$280,000.00 for three years already just for repairs on that ladder truck. So if you go back another three years it might not be another \$280,000.00 but I'd bet you it's about \$100,000.00 or something and you're not even counting the lost time with it that's it's not here to protect the lives of everybody and then all the wear and tear that we're doing on Avenel now because their constantly responding into us to back us up and then you know you put wear and tear on those and then you got to hope that they don't say, hey you guys are really using us a lot and our truck is breaking down now are you going to help with some cost. I'm just trying to explain it to you.

Natasha: I was just saying it's a shame that something that you need so desperately has to go through the chain of events to actually....

Commissioner T.H.: That's because of the way our government is set up in New Jersey. Our fire districts operate under Title 40. For us to purchase anything for a capital improvement for \$50,000.00 or more has to go on a ballot question. We used to be able to buy cars if we needed a car as a Line Item. You can't even do that anymore. Everything has to go as a question on a ballot for purchase. The Township of Woodbridge operates under Title 19 I believe and they can buy anything they want whenever they want for whatever they want but they have to bid it of course but they can go out and buy a half a dozen garbage trucks like that, no problem.

Commissioner P.K.: We have I mean the election first. If it passes the election well then, we have to go in front of the DCA, the Department of Community Affairs.

Commissioner J.C.K.: To get their approval.

Commissioner P.K.: They can deny it so you know you go Step One, then you go to them and they can deny it, then can say change this, change that for us to approve it and then once that's done then you can take it from there if they approve it so it's a very long process to get going.

Tony Aragon: In that respect what if they want to change that plan to make it...if they looked at the site and said, well you guys could actually house this here and that here.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No.

Commissioner R.M.: No.

Commissioner P.K.: No

Steve Traschetti: If they made you change the plan.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, the only thing they can approve or disapprove is the funding.

Laura Bradshaw: For what you've asked for.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right.

Laura Bradshaw: They can't change the scope.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Correct.

Commissioner R.M.: So, once we carve it in stone saying that this is the building that we want and everybody is happy with it they can't say no to it. They can say you got to take money away from it.

Natasha: So just getting back to my point because I'm not sure if I'm really clear on you know if you think today that you're not going to use it there could be a chance later on that they would use that building to house.

Commissioner P.K.: We have no intentions to; it's not big enough.

Commissioner J.C.K.: We have to, as it is, to go in with the engine you have to go very slowly for along side that house and then yes there's a room down way in the back to turn around but if you make that path that's not something like you just go like...

Margaret Gaydos: Like you ride out like you do here.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No.

Commissioner P.K.: And talking about like the equipment that would be in there like the foam trailer which is a small trailer it's pulled with the truck that's parked out in the front on the right the utility truck it's housed in Motiva right now. Motiva or Shell Oil, it took back to Shell Oil now, has been very gracious to let us use that building to house the foam stuff and the foam stuff is a critical thing because now if they have tank fire, we need that to respond. If we have a tanker truck that rolls over on Route 9 or something we need to put that fire out with foam, you can't do it with water. We've been very fortunate enough...they've some of that building because they put their ethanol rail in there and they made locker rooms for the people that work over there so they cut some of that old firehouse down so we had to kind of shift everything over to configure everything in there. It's their building, they don't charge us rent thank God, but there's nowhere else to put that stuff if they say one day, hey you know what we're out of business and somebody else is buying this property and you got to leave.

Commissioner T.H.: And the foam has to be temperature controlled.

Commissioner P.K.: It has to be temperature controlled.

Stacy Traschetti: I have a question, when you bought the building on Green did you know about all the other...was that before all the other constructions started? Let's say across from Wegman's beginning.

Commissioner J.C.K.: I'd say most of the plans were pretty well approved because our fire official meets with them and he actually insisted that they get fully sprinklered so there's two types of sprinklers. There's one that the dead spaces don't, its at the living area or there's another one that all the dead spaces, the attics and

everything else has to be sprinklered. We push for a fully sprinklered so these buildings are in the rafters and everything else have sprinklers bound. That's good but at the same time if the pipe breaks, now that's not my problem.

Stacy Traschetti: No, I just meant the all property let's say that was across from Wegman's...

Commissioner R.M.: That was gone years ago ma'am.

Commissioner P.K.: We tried getting a substation up there.

Commissioner R.M.: Ma'am I came on the Board about seven years ago and we talked to the Board seven years ago and we were looking to try to do stuff up there and we were told that was gone already.

Commissioner P.K.: Leon Hess we tried.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah right.

Tony Aragon: They wanted money out of it instead of putting fire....

Commissioner R.M.: Because we were going to look for Jack LaLanne. You know Jack LaLanne that was gone.

Commissioner P.K.: Dialysis Center, gone.

Commissioner R.M.: Then we looked behind there and was told it was gone already.

Stacy Traschetti: One more question.

Commissioner R.M.: Yes ma'am.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No problem.

Stacy Traschetti: I haven't even looked at the plans but someone asked which way the garage was going to go.

Commissioner J.C.K.: The garage...

Stacy Traschetti: Is it...

Commissioner P.K.: The same way the house is.

Laura Bradshaw: Parallel to the house.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yes.

Commissioner P.K.: The house and then the garage.

Commissioner T.H.: All the way in the back parallel.

Stacy Traschetti: So, it's wider...

Commissioner T.H.: No.

Stacy Traschetti: Than it is deep?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah, it's only 55 deep.

Margaret Gaydos: Would it be feasible to turn it the other way and go deeper into the property so that if you're looking down the drive-way you're not seeing all these garages you'll only see the side of a building there.

Commissioner R.M.: I don't know if we can make the swing with the.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Well, we can ask the architect. I'll have the architect look at that.

Commissioner P.K.: It's a plausible question.

Stacy Traschetti: Or two bays that way...

Laura Bradshaw: Anything that would make it not be twice as long as the red house. There's no way five bays....

Commissioner P.K.: That'll make it shorter but longer.

Stacy Traschetti: Right, I think if you didn't take the trees down it wouldn't be a problem. I mean at least the ones are you know to see in you know.

Tony Aragon: I was absolutely flabbergasted because I needed a tree...I live right across the street I needed a tree in our backyard trimmed so these guys are there for like a week or so, so I said let me walk over and see. I mean I had to walk a half a mile in there to find them.

Commissioner J.C.K.: It's very deep. I will find out from the architect on you wanted to know about like from the street elevation wise what he would see so we will get you an answer on that.

Laura Bradshaw: I guess the fact that you might not have enough room I guess to get a ladder truck to turn it in.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Let's see. It might be available for a pumper if we need to move a pumper out. We don't want apparatus being day to day over there. It's there for like if we need to move it out of here as per our reserve piece it's over there so if something breaks you bring it back over here. It's not to be...

Commissioner T.H.: Responding for alarms out of there.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right, the Fire Prevention people yes and their cars, the Chief's, yes, I have that car but that's very easily controlled to make sure that it is not...

Tony Aragon: So, if it's stored there it'll be inside the garage at all times.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Correct.

Commissioner R.M.: We have to keep it climate controlled because in the winter if it freezes it's a lot of money to replace...

Commissioner P.K.: And there's another factor of it is security. You know a lot of people stealing, breaking in, taking vehicles and stuff so if somebody...right now we have four vehicles stored on the outside of the building. They're locked but there's nothing saying that anybody can't smash a window and take that vehicle and now they go and do something with it and they do it during the night where nobody realizes it's missing until the next morning so we're trying to get them more inside of the building where they're secured so nobody can actually get access to them.

Laura Bradshaw: What is your timeframe?

Commissioner J.C.K.: I can answer that. If it gets approved in August we have to wait another five days I think it is to make sure that any vote by mails are fully counted. The last email was, was that they would go out for the bonds in January of '22; that's what they were saying. That's what the bond attorney's last email was so you can, in the meantime, you could....

Laura Bradshaw: A year from now maybe it could be built?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Probably.

Commissioner R.M.: But maybe started.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Started.

Commissioner R.M.: Put out a bid and then the contractor has got to be able to...

Margaret Gaydos: Yeah, you got to get the bids and then zoning.

Commissioner R.M.: Right, but the contractor might have another job. You said you're in the contracting business so you know you're not going to start six jobs.

Laura Bradshaw: You said that it's becoming increasingly difficult to get folks to volunteer as firefighters because they've tightened the standards for the hours and so that means that you've had to change your staffing plan and hire more career firefighters. Did I understand that right?

Commissioner T.H.: Yes.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yes.

Laura Bradshaw: And was there any coordination with that reality of what's happening in the field of firefighting with all of the units that are being built in the town? Is there any coordination that they consult you to know? Because that means our taxes go up more for firefighters doesn't it.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yes, that's why we were saying before about how the Chief is working on auto aid. Avenel just put on thirteen career guys because they're losing volunteers. I think Port Reading was five or six and they're up to nine. They're looking to try to put more on. Fords is...

Commissioner P.K.: Fords used to be five and then they put another four on and I think they're up to nine or ten.

Commissioner J.C.K.: And they're looking to hire more.

Laura Bradshaw: What are we going to need, with all this high-density housing?

Commissioner T.H.: Hopefully we'll be able to manage.

Linda Bradshaw: We're adding thousands of residents in these rental units.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Go ahead Chief.

Commissioner P.K.: We'll let the Chief....

Commissioner T.H.: The Chief will explain this.

Chief John Golden: We have guys here in the building that do what they call preplan. They're asked to look into the construction and the features of the building. Buildings like this are very difficult. This is actually going to be...if we get a call on one of these buildings we're going to go to Mutual Aid. We're going to require other fire departments in town. There is no way that this department can hire enough guys. New York City doesn't have enough guys to do this so we worked out plans with Commissioner Patrick Kenny, with OEM, and with a batch of fire officers. We're

doing what they call automatic aid meaning at certain targeted areas other fire departments are getting called immediately. We're not even waiting. Under the old system we would wait until we got there, accessed it, made our initial attack and then call for assistance. We are working on plans to do immediate at high targeted areas which would be Green Street, Main Street, and the projects up at the mall. With the other departments hiring career and evaluating the other departments which are volunteer staffs we are doing special requests for certain pieces. I may need a couple of extra trucks down there, the Jewelry Exchange is now residential buildings instead of a business and there's certain features of that building that ladder trucks don't help us out with because of the way the construction and things like that so we have a very good sound program between our Fire Prevention Bureau and our Preplan Program to look at these buildings. We get out as a fire department and walk through them during construction. When they come back and the guys on the line are the guys that respond to calls, they discuss it all up, we develop a training program and we evaluate the target areas based on what they see with Preplan, what equipment we have, what staffing levels we have and then at that point I sit down and review the Mutual Aid system. Who can come the quickest; who is more readily available so the buildings that you see now we need the township's fire departments together to do things like this but it's not just us, Avenel has the property over by the theatre, there's some buildings going up in Iselin and Colonia relatively the same thing right on the other side of the railroad tracks. Iselin 11 has I think it's eight or nine sections of a building right up against the tracks that are five stories with apartments underneath them so all the departments are working together, the township fire office is working together, Mutual Aid coordinators are working together. They're all looking at the township as a whole and realizing we're growing faster than the fire department is and we are trying to handle that problem.

Commissioner R.M.: Correct me if I'm wrong Chief we also give Auto Aid to Port Reading right away.

Chief John Golden: Right.

Commissioner R.M.: So, they're in the same boat as us.

Steve Traschetti: So, let me ask this question and I know it's you know probably a hypothetical question, is there any talk of combining, what do we have nine separate fire districts?

Commissioner T.H.: Nine.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yes.

Steve Traschetti: Is there any talk of making it a one-party fire department?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Well, we're doing that through Shared Services. You know everyone I guess you can say has their identity but when there's an alarm that's where this Auto Aid agreements that have to be legally signed and then given to the state...

Steve Traschetti: Right, I understand that. I was just thinking more in terms of combining the equipment, combining you know...

Commissioner P.K.: You still need at least six different fire houses throughout the whole entire township.

Laura Bradshaw: For proximity.

Commissioner P.K.: Proximity of location and residents and stuff like that because what happens is the ISO which is the Insurance Underwriter's Association if you don't respond in a certain amount of time, if you don't get there in a certain amount of time, the people's homeowner's insurance, well actually the fire insurance, will go up. Right now, we're at the lowest right now because of our proximity to everybody, the staffing that we have and all of the stuff that we do, the preplanning, the drills, the training, everything that we do. We actually do hydrant inspections. We go out twice a year and we check all the hydrants and if we find deficient hydrants, we notify the water company and say, hey this hydrant is deficient and it needs to be fixed. Our fire official he's gone around and see where we were deficient in water supply because that's another hit that they give you, you don't have enough water for an area, and he's worked with Middlesex Water and contractors to up the water in certain areas so that we have enough water flow. You talk about the Carteret incident the Carteret building, the roof, if you only noticed it was the roof of the building actually burned. The fire started on the second floor, went outside and went up into the roof area. The roof of the building is really what burned off. The rest of the damage was from all the water of putting the fire out. If there were sprinkler systems in that roof area, they might have confined that fire right to that area and actually knocked it out but there were no sprinkler systems and that's why our fire official and all the fire officials from the other districts have formed than an alliance and they go to the Zoning Board and the Planning Board and they say, hey we want fully sprinklered buildings. We don't want just this we want every little nock and cranny sprinklered because we don't want to have what happened in other towns.

Margaret Gaydos: So, all these new constructions like Rahway and Green they'll all have that?

Commissioner P.K.: They'll all have sprinklers up in the roof.

Margaret Gaydos: That's surprising. Those are fairly new apartments.

Commissioner T.H.: Well, the one in Carteret was fifteen years old.

Commissioner P.K.: Well, you can go this way or you can go this way it's up to the fire commissioners so now they actually forced them to say yes you need to do this. I mean there's been, I don't know how many years now, for residential houses, just a two family house you know two stories for new construction they always try to get into where you have to sprinkle a house you know put a sprinkler system in and it's been knocked down every year that they tried and then they have a house fire where somebody passes because they didn't get out, the fire pump didn't get there in time or whatever happened and they go and say, if that house had a sprinkler system in it you know it might have gave that person another fighting chance to get out and they still...the state knocks it down. It's the politicians on that end. They don't want it because the lobbyists get to them and say, hey that's going to affect contractors, I should say construction guys who say, that's going to cost us a lot of money to put those sprinkler systems in and they don't want to do it.

Commissioner T.H.: The building code is controlled from Trenton. It's a state thing not a county or a local and the legislature are the people that vote on what your building code will be and they are subject to political influence, we'll just leave it at that. If we had our way everything would be sprinklered but we don't have our way.

Laura Bradshaw: Well, you all sound quite confident to me and like you have a great plan, a great thorough plan and a very thoughtful plan. I think our issue is we don't want you to do all the great work you do on our street; that's our problem. We don't want the eyesore. What we're worried about is going to be an eyesore. We don't want the extra traffic. We don't want the noise. I'm happy to hear that there won't be any sirens, it's not an active substation but the Credit Union did not play out the way it was supposed to. Nothing plays out the way it's supposed to for us that we have been living with three percussions of what's happened around our neighborhood and this is just one more thing.

Commissioner T.H.: Are they still there? Is the Credit Union still there?

Laura Bradshaw: No, it's a dentist's office.

Commissioner T.H.: Just the dentist, right?

Laura Bradshaw: Yeah.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Which that place is for sale.

Stacy Traschetti: Yeah, I was going to tell you that.

Commissioner J.C.K.: For \$899,000.00.

Laura Bradshaw: I'll be on the market too soon.

Commissioner J.C.K.: We as a Board want to work with you. I mean that was a good idea three bays and then two.

Laura Bradshaw: An L shape.

Commissioner P.K.: The president is going to go back to the architect to see if that can be constructed that way and if it can we can modify the construction, let me say this the right way, if it'll fit.

Laura Bradshaw: Even by the pool if you go that way and pull in you know straight not.

Commissioner P.K.: I got you, and when you see some of the plans, you'll kind of understand because it shows you the parking lot, it actually shows you how a vehicle will pull in and then back into the bay and stuff like that.

Natasha: You've all been very gracious.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Well, thank you. Thanks for coming.

Laura Bradshaw: And just so you know we do love living on Green Street. Yeah I was going to say I think it probably pains you that we are here tonight...

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, you're not.

Commissioner R.M.: No.

Commissioner T.H.: No.

Commissioner P.K.: Not at all.

Laura Bradshaw: I think we're pretty reasonable. We have had knock down drag outs with Ralph Mocci with the things he's wanted to do and he ultimately, Mr. Mocci, allowed us to look at the plans and help shape what that house looks like that's going up at the tippy top of Linden and it's a two family which really is not Green Street, even though he swore it was, but he moved the second front door to the side facing Nancy Dunham's house. We were happy with that; he met us in the middle. He has a beautiful building going up; the neighborhood already looks better because of that. We were no sooner getting excited about how that construction was going that the forest got swayed behind the red house.

Commissioner P.K.: Just to let you know, I live up behind the Community Center on a dead-end street. What you see there is he's tearing a ranch down that's behind me and he's putting a twin to that up behind me.

Marge Gaydos: No kidding.

Commissioner P.K.: Yes.

Laura Bradshaw: Are you upset about that? Is it too big for that neighborhood?

Commissioner P.K.: To me it's too big for the neighborhood...

Natasha: Yeah, I think I know where you...

Commissioner P.K.: But you know when I went to the meeting I complained because all the water from the resins now comes into my backyard so I wanted to get that on record but he was trying to make it a three-story building and they shot him down and said, you can do a two basically the twin of what's on Green Street.

Laura Bradshaw: Yeah, we wanted the height too so...

Commissioner P.K.: I can currently see what it's looking so I kind of know what I'm going to do with the back window right now.

Laura Bradshaw: But my point is that I think we just need to be heard. We want to be heard and we think we actually have good sustainable ideas for the community because we do like living on Green Street. We don't want it to turn into a highway and it is and so we're trying desperately to cling to it being still have a vestige of a neighborhood instead of being a highway.

Commissioner T.H.: Well, we will do our....

Margaret Gaydos: We are very close neighbors too.

Commissioner T.H.: We help very good neighbors and we will endeavor to do everything we can to accommodate you, I promise you that.

Laura Bradshaw: Thank you.

Steve Traschetti: We probably have hundred- and thirty-years' worth of...just the four of us here.

Laura Bradshaw: Oh easy.

Steve Traschetti: Living on that street.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Well, I'm only around the corner. I'm on Church and Freeman so I know what you're talking about with the traffic.

Laura Bradshaw: From that cockamamie...he knows had to...

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah, nobody stops at that stop sign when you're backing out.

Laura Bradshaw: Do you have a Golden Retriever?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yes, I do.

Laura Bradshaw: I was walking when I saw your Retriever. It's a beautiful dog. I know exactly where you live.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay.

Natasha: Years ago, we had t-shirts made that were bright green and they said, "I'm Green Street in a hometown not downtown".

Commissioner J.C.K.: Right, I remember that. You had signs too didn't you?

Natasha: Yeah.

Margaret Gaydos: We wanted a tree lined street so it was the trees that got us going.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay.

Commissioner R.M.: We're sorry that it happened.

Stacy Traschetti: We understand.

Laura Bradshaw: You do understand we just...we wanted to meet in the middle somehow if we can.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Well, that's...what we would like to do is...Chief Golden do you have any of their contact info?

Chief John Golden: No, but I'll walk around tomorrow to hand out my...I'll drop a card in each one of your mailboxes.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, so what we'd like to do is, if anybody feels differently, the election happens on the 18th. We will let you know what comes out of the election and then we'd like to sit with you and see if we can come whether it's that corner and get an architect involved but we need to first know...

Commissioner T.H.: Whether we're doing it or not.

Laura Bradshaw: And we would also think about not having a separate and distinct construct for the solar panels and if there's a way to attach them to the roof.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yeah, we can put the...yeah, we definitely do that.

Laura Bradshaw: All that requires a different build because they're heavy or whatever.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, no, no, no...

Commissioner T.H.: They don't weigh much, they're very light.

Laura Bradshaw: Because I think they look awful at the mall but nobody sees them because no residents look at them. They look terrible. That's all we ask.

Commissioner P.K.: Once the 18th is done, if it passes, then the Chief....

Commissioner J.C.K.: You'll be coming over to 109 Green Street with the Chief and our architect and working with it.

Laura Bradshaw: Great.

Margaret Gaydos: Thank you for hearing us.

Commissioner J.C.K.: No, thank you.

Commissioner T.H.: Thank you for taking the time.

Commissioner R.M.: Thanks for coming.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Appreciate it.

Laura Bradshaw: And thank you for your service.

Commissioner T.H.: Thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Thanks.

Laura Bradshaw: Can we take a peek of the plan?

Chief John Golden: I'll take you downstairs.

Commissioner R.M.: Be careful walking home.

Margaret Gaydos: Good night.

Commissioner T.H.: Thank you for coming folks.

Commissioner J.C.K.: So, I need a motion to go back to the regular portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to go back to the Regular Meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: So, from the public we're going to go back to the regular portion of the meeting. Maria, I need you I guess first to bring about the minutes. We need the minutes approved?

Maria Bucsanszky: Yes.

Commissioner J.C.K.: From the last meeting.

Maria Bucsanszky: Correct.

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 7th, 2021 which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: We'll move into Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner J.C.K.: I'd like to ask if someone can make a motion that all Committee Reports be part of the record.

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion that all Committee Reports be part of the record which was seconded by Commissioner Todd Howell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, so we'll move on to the Report of Payroll and Bills.

The report of Payroll and Bills for July, 2021:

Maria Bucsanszky: The bills for July, 2021.

Bills: \$247,205.60

Payroll: \$369,591.91

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to pay the bills listed by Maria and the fourteen additional add-on bills for an amount of \$12,312.05 and included in the motion any future bills for our election be paid which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Maria Bucsanszky: Treasurer's Report for August 4th, 2021.

Previous Balance – July 7 th , 2021	\$5,905,499.77
Deposits	\$ 102,280.56
Payroll and Adjustments	\$ 294,880.50
Current Bills	\$ 247,205.60
Ending Balance as of August 4 th , 2021 without the add-on bills	\$5,465,694.23

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Commissioner Todd Howell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Maria Bucsanszky: All Communications were pass through to the Commissioners.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, Unfinished Business – Commissioner P. Kenny.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner P.K.: None.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Commissioner Minkler.

Commissioner R.M.: None at this time sir.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Commissioner Howell.

Commissioner T.H.: None.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Mr. Attorney.

Christopher Howell, Attorney: I have none.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Madame Clerk.

Maria Bucsanszky: None.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Purchasing.

Marianne Horta: None.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, New Business – Commissioner P. Kenny.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner P.K.: Nothing.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Commissioner Minkler.

Commissioner R.M.: None at this time.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Commissioner Howell.

Commissioner T.H.: Negative.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Mr. Attorney.

Christopher Howell, Attorney: No.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Madame Clerk.

Maria Bucsanszky: None.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, so we had two Resolutions tonight. One is 2021-8-1 and that's for Lexipol policies.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to authorize Resolution 2021-8-1 which was seconded by Commissioner Todd Howell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Then the second one is 2021-8-2 which is a tweak on the Chapter 48 from what the state has requested.

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to authorize Resolution 2021-8-2 which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. and carried unanimously except for Commissioner Patrick Kenny abstaining.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, Chief Hapstak do you have anything?

CHIEF'S REPORT:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
July Calls	49	66
Year Ending December	293	353

Chief Hapstak: That's what I have Mr. President.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Does anybody have anything else? Okay, motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Todd Howell made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:25 P.M. which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bucsanszky
District Clerk

WOODBIDGE FIRE DISTRICT NO 1
MONTHLY BILL LIST
August 4, 2021

07/29/21

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Northfield Bank - Voucher				
07/08/2021	20501	Comcast	Account #8499053400759387/Internet	-185.84
07/08/2021	20502	Francis Campbell	Workstation/Server Support & Maintenance & Email Hos...	-1,333.25
07/08/2021	20503	Stone Mountain Printing	Business Cards/Jago	-68.00
07/08/2021	20504	Mary Ann Sofka	1 Hours Transcription for Special Meeting June 19, 2021	-25.00
07/08/2021	20505	Brighton Air Corp	Inv#s 22484,22552,22536,22961,22990,23185,2337887...	-24,245.00
07/08/2021	20506	Joint Board of Fire Commissio...	2021 Annual Fire District Assessment	-6,000.00
07/15/2021	20508	Amazon Capital Services	BIC Brite Liner Highlighter Chisel Tip Yellow	-26.96
07/15/2021	20509	ASC Enterprises LLC	T Shirts/Carrick	-160.00
07/15/2021	20510	AT&T	A/C# 0555384092001/ Landline 732-636-1725	-45.17
07/15/2021	20511	Comcast	Account #8499053400759387/Internet	-67.98
07/15/2021	20512	Elizabethtown Gas	Account #7194826935/109 Green Street 04/26/2021 - 0...	-84.76
07/15/2021	20513	MIDDLESEX WATER COMPA...	Account #2541534661 - Water Charge 05/06/2021 - 06/...	-73.81
07/15/2021	20514	Postmaster	2 Rolls of Stamps	-110.00
07/15/2021	20515	Stone Mountain Printing	500-Vouchers	-31.10
07/15/2021	20516	Survivor Fire & Safety Equipm...	Fire Extinguisher - PU & Recharged	-69.80
07/15/2021	20517	Verizon Wireless	Acct# 585555042-00001/Cell Phones	-206.95
07/15/2021	20518	ASC Enterprises LLC	Jr Fire Academy T-Shirts & Lanyards	-1,008.00
07/15/2021	20519	Elizabethtown Gas	Account #2164284700/Firehouse 05/24/2021 - 06/24/2021	-203.87
07/15/2021	20520	Stone Mountain Printing	(4) Junior Academy Certificates	-36.80
07/15/2021	20521	Verizon Wireless - Laptop Mod...	A/C# 982554463-00001/Laptop Modem	-760.74
07/16/2021	20523	Image First	Acct#43-WOODB000-Laundry Service - Invoice #38335...	-48.60
07/16/2021	20524	PSE&G	Acct#7550582203/109 Green St 06/09/2021-07/08/2021	-572.29
08/01/2021	20522	Catherine Crowe	Reimbursement - Health Benefits July 2021	-362.13
08/04/2021	20525	A&K Equipment Co	Spare Tire, Rim & Carrier	-265.55
08/04/2021	20526	Access Self Storage of Woodb...	Storage Rental Unit #16029 07/18/21-08/17/21, 08/18/2...	-732.00
08/04/2021	20527	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	Account #1872535921/Supplies - Totella TISAE 30 One ...	-36.78
08/04/2021	20528	Amazon Capital Services	Echo Show 5	-72.30
08/04/2021	20529	Arctic Falls	Account #101744 - 5 Gallon 418 School Street	-84.00
08/04/2021	20530	Atlantic Tire & Service	2013 Chev Tahoe Flat Tire Repair (1-3-1)	-20.00
08/04/2021	20531	Betty Sullivan	Poll Worker - Special Election - August 18, 2021 Sewar...	-175.00
08/04/2021	20532	Bowco Laboratories Inc	Regular Service -July 2021	-38.00
08/04/2021	20533	Campbell Supply, Inc	2014 Spartan Pumper - Fire Pump Issue Engine #1-2	-939.73
08/04/2021	20534	Christopher Howell	Monthly Fee - August 2021	-4,150.00
08/04/2021	20535	Comcast	Account #8499053401168158/109 Green St	-397.95
08/04/2021	20536	Cummins Sales & Service	C/S#195874 - Inspection Service Performed 06/30/2021	-636.54
08/04/2021	20537	D'Italia	Food for Special Election 08/18/2021	-800.00
08/04/2021	20538	Delta Dental Plan of NJ	Group# 01063 - Dental Coverage 08/01/2021-08/31/2021	-12,135.30
08/04/2021	20539	FF1 Professional Safety Servic...	OSHA Compliant Respirator Fit Testing	-30.00
08/04/2021	20540	Free Public Library of Sewaren	Building Usage -Special Fire Election - August 18, 2021	-250.00
08/04/2021	20541	Gen-el Safety & Industrial Prod...	Sampler Kit RAE Remote Telfon	-353.40
08/04/2021	20542	Helene Golden	Poll Worker - Special Election - August 18, 2021	-150.00
08/04/2021	20543	Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dun...	Professional Services Rendered	-4,675.00
08/04/2021	20544	JEN ELECTRIC INC.	2021 Traffic Light Maintenance	-2,400.00
08/04/2021	20545	Katherine Golden	Poll Worker - Special Election - August 18, 2021	-150.00
08/04/2021	20546	Kathleen Simeone	Poll Worker - Special Election - August 18, 2021	-150.00
08/04/2021	20547	Kathryn Howell	Poll Worker - Special Electio - August 18, 2021	-150.00
08/04/2021	20548	Kay McAuliffe	Poll Worker - Special Election - August 18, 2021	-150.00
08/04/2021	20550	Lowe's	Account 82131319024076/Supplies	-530.91
08/04/2021	20551	Maria Bucsanszky, E.A.	Monthly Fee - August 2021	-5,833.34
08/04/2021	20552	Marie Gould	Reimbursement - Health Benefits July 2021	-362.13
08/04/2021	20553	Mary Ann Sofka	2 Hours Transcription for Regular Meeting July 7, 2021	-50.00
08/04/2021	20554	Mary Karnas	Reimbursemtn - Health Benefits July 2021	-362.13
08/04/2021	20555	MICHAEL HAPSTAK	Reimbursement - 114 Accountability Tags	-570.00
08/04/2021	20556	MIDDLESEX WATER COMPA...	Hydrant Service - July 2021	-42,820.44
08/04/2021	20557	Monica Vitello	Poll Worker - Special Election - August 18, 2021	-150.00
08/04/2021	20558	New Jersey Fire Equipment Co	Globe Boots	-428.00
08/04/2021	20559	NJ Municipalities	Subscription- NJ Municipalities Magazine Oct 2021-June...	-25.00
08/04/2021	20560	Parker Web	Website	-37.25
08/04/2021	20561	PSE&G	Acct#1301369209/Firehouse Parking Lot	-27.64
08/04/2021	20562	Robert Foerch	Poll Worker - Special Election - August 18, 2021	-150.00
08/04/2021	20563	Skylands Area Fire Equipment ...	1- Morning Pride Tails & Pants	-3,454.89
08/04/2021	20564	Sophie Bader	Reimbursement - Health Benefits July 2021	-362.13
08/04/2021	20565	Spectrotel	Account #34348561/Clerk	-57.21
08/04/2021	20566	Standard Insurance Company	Life Insurance - Policy #136829 - August 2021	-3,821.40
08/04/2021	20567	Stone Mountain Printing	(3) Junior Academy Certificates	-35.90
08/04/2021	20568	Superior Office Systems, Inc	Account #EDH608-001 - Usage Charges 04/02/2021 - 0...	-187.33
08/04/2021	20569	T&M Associates	Proposed Fire Facility - 109 Green Street	-2,577.12
08/04/2021	20570	Terry Falco	Poll Worker - Special Election - August 18, 2021	-150.00
08/04/2021	20571	The Language Center	Special Election Ballot Translation August 2021	-300.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
08/04/2021	20572	TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDG...	Block 548 Lot 6 3rd Qtr 2021 Taxes	-3,936.84
08/04/2021	20573	Turnout Fire & Safety	Uniform/Walsh	-738.97
08/04/2021	20574	V. E. Ralph & Son, Inc	Sterile Bandages, Water, Rescue Blanket, Nasal Airway...	-303.35
08/04/2021	20575	Verizon Wireless	Acct# 585555042-00001/Cell Phones	-168.95
08/04/2021	20577	W.B. Mason Co., Inc	C/S# C1235200 -Supplies	-222.10
08/04/2021	20578	Campbell Supply, Inc	2006 ALF - Fire Pump Issue & Electrical Issue	-796.55
08/04/2021	20579	PSE&G	Acct#7356632500/Firehouse 06/11/2021-07/12/2021	-710.77
08/04/2021	20580	Spectrotel	Account #348180/Cad/Landline/Fire Alarm/Solar	-152.60
08/04/2021	20581	Staples	6035 5178 2066 2780 Supplies-AtagInc Wall	-20.99
08/04/2021	20582	T&M Associates	Proposed Fire Facility - 109 Green Street	-2,925.48
08/04/2021	20583	Campbell Supply, Inc	2006 ALF - Chassis Repair/Aerial Repair	-278.20
08/04/2021	TEPS	State of New Jersey- Health B...	Health Benefits Retired - 08/01/2021 - 08/31/2021	-27,623.61
08/04/2021	20584	W.B. Mason Co., Inc	C/S# C1235200 -Supplies	-476.72
08/04/2021	TEPS	State of NJ- Health Benefits F...	Prescription & Health Benefits Active August 2021	-79,824.40
08/04/2021	20585	Life Insurance Company Of No...	Policy #GL-5474 Volunteer Life Insurance - August 2021	-276.85
08/04/2021	20586	Vision Service Plan	Acct# 12 078480 0001 Vision Coverage August 2021	-1,788.80
Total Northfield Bank - Voucher				-247,205.60
TOTAL				-247,205.60

2021 - 8 - 1

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Woodbridge are at all times desirous of maintaining a high level of fire suppression and fire prevention within the Fire District No. 1 of the Township;

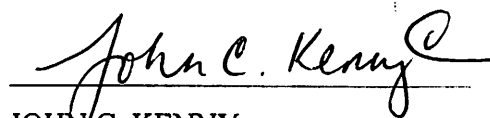
WHEREAS, the Fire Department personnel has increased in size over the years to keep pace with growing demands of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department has recognized the need to implement an electronic database of policies, procedures and/or standard operating guidelines (SOG) through Lexipol for the safety and security of personnel, the department and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Woodbridge hereby have reviewed and approve the following policies, procedures and/or standard operating guidelines (SOG) and request same be implemented and made part of the department's Lexipol database this date:

- 102 Policy Manual
- 924 Workplace Violence
- 942 Driver's License Requirements

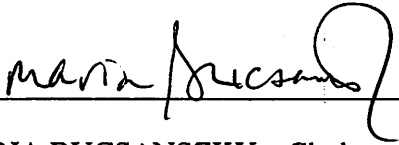
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT #1



JOHN C. KENNY

ADOPTED: August 4, 2021

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #1, Township of Woodbridge at their regular meeting held on August 4, 2021.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "maria bucsanszky", is written over a horizontal line.

MARIA BUCSANSZKY – Clerk

2021-8-2

1R-0628-0818



State Health Benefits Program (SHBP)
School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP)
RESOLUTION

A Resolution to Adopt the Provisions of Chapter 48 (N.J.S.A. 52:14.17.38) Under Which a Public Employer May Agree to Pay for the SHBP and/or SEHBP Coverage of Certain Retirees.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #1, Township of Woodbridge SHBP 1562-00
Corporate Name of Employer *SHBP/SEHBP Employer Location Number*

hereby elects to adopt the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.38 and adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission and School Employees' Health Benefits Commission to implement the provisions of that law.

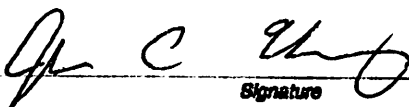
2. This resolution affects employees as shown on the attached *Chapter 48 Resolution Addendum*. It is effective on the 1st day of January, 2021.
Month *Year*

3. We are aware that adoption of this resolution does not free us of the obligation to pay for post-retirement medical benefits of retirees or employees who qualified for those payments under any *Chapter 88 Resolution* or *Chapter 48 Resolution* adopted previously by this governing body.

4. We agree that this resolution will remain in effect until properly amended or revoked with the SHBP and/or SEHBP. We recognize that while we participate with the SHBP and/or SEHBP, we are responsible for providing the payment for post-retirement medical coverage as listed in the attached *Chapter 48 Resolution Addendum* for all employees who qualify for this coverage while this resolution is in force.

5. We understand that we are required to provide the New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) complete copies of all contracts, ordinances, and resolutions that detail post-retirement medical obligations we undertake. We also recognize that we may be required to provide the NJDPB with information needed to carry out the terms of this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the:

<u>Board of Fire Commissioners, Woodbridge Fire District #1</u>		<u>08</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>2021</u>
<i>Corporate Name of Employer</i>		<i>mm</i>	<i>dd</i>	<i>yyyy</i>
<u>418 School Street</u>	<u>Woodbridge</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>07085</u>	
<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>	
<u>(732)</u>	<u>634-2393</u>			
<i>Area Code</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>			
		<u>President, Board of Fire Commissioners</u>		
<i>Signature</i>		<i>Official Title</i>		
<u>36</u>	<u>22-6002418</u>			
<i>Number of Employees</i>	<i>Employer's State Employer Identification Number (EIN)</i>			

Mail Completed Resolution to: New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits
Health Benefits Bureau
P.O. Box 299
Trenton, NJ 08625-0299



**State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and
School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP)
CHAPTER 48 RESOLUTION ADDENDUM**

Please read instructions on reverse side before completing this form.

Effective Date of Resolution 01 / 01 / 2021 Form to be used for: Medical Dental Both

Employer Name Woodbridge Township Fire District #1, 1902-00

Corporate Name of Employer, SEHBP/SHBP Employer Location Number _____

CLASS OF EMPLOYEES <i>Examples: police officers, classified workers, bargaining unit (PBA, CWA), nonassigned, or individuals)</i>	N.J.S.A. 92:14-17.38 Provisions Adopted				Premium Payment Dependents If Yes Show %	Medicare Reimbursement If Yes Show %	Premium Payment Surviving Spouses If Yes Show %	Do Benefits Apply to Current Retirees If Yes Show %	If Benefits do Not Apply to Current Retirees, Give Effective Date
	1) Retired on Disability Retirement	2) Retired w/25 or + years of service	3) Retired w/25 years of service w/employer	4) Retired 62 or older w/15 years of service w/employer					
Employees with 20 years of service or who reached the age of 62 with 15 years of service as of the effective date of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011	X	X	25	X	100%	100%	100%	X	9/5/01 *
Employees who did not reach 20 years of service at age 62 with 15 years of service as of the effective date of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011	X	X	18	X	Per addendum (attached)	100%	Per addendum (attached)	X	9/5/01 *

Note: An age requirement is not permitted on Option 1 or 2; Option 3 and 4 already have an age requirement.
 *No changes to benefits for current retirees. Benefits for current retirees are governed by the 9/5/01 resolution.

8 / 18 / 2021
 Date Resolution Submitted

John C. Kenny, President/ Board of Fire Commissioners
 Name of Certifying Officer

(732) 634-2383
 Area Code and Telephone Number

WOODBIDGE FIRE DISTRICT #1

CHAPTER 48 RESOLUTION ADDENDUM (Continued)

1. Employees who did not reach 20 years of service or age 62 within 15 years of service as of the effective date of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, shall pay in retirement 1.5% of the employee's monthly retirement allowance, including any future cost-of-living adjustments, through the withholding of the contribution, for health benefits coverage in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14.17.38. The District will contribute 98.5% of such coverage for these qualifying retirees, their surviving spouses, and the retiree's qualifying dependents.
2. This Resolution shall not change or in any way modify benefits for current retirees, which are governed by the Resolution passed on September 5, 2001.

Chiefs Report

August 2021

From: Chief John Golden

The Junior Fire Academy was completed with positive reviews. The academy visited the Middlesex Fire Academy, Newark Airport, and were certified CPR.

IAFF Local 290 has filed for two Arbitration cases. The first case is scheduled for August 25th. No date is set for the second. I have been working with the labor attorney to prepare.

The trees have been removed from 109 Green Street. The landscaping and lights for the sign will begin soon.

I would like to thank the members that assisted FF Geinser. They took a tree down for him and did landscaping.

The initial meeting was held for the new employee. Approximately 24 candidates will be going through the process.

The Water Rescue Shared Service was put into effect.

The department participated in a state certified NFIRS training session. One shift needs to reschedule the training due to calls during the day.

I received a personal complaint about the actions of a volunteer at an incident. I interviewed all involved personnel. I discussed the incident with the labor attorney and the corrective action will result in a counseling session.

I am requesting the following Lexipol Policies be approved by the Board,

102 Policy Manual

924 Workplace Violence

942 Driver's License Requirements

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief John Golden



WOODBIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Pre-Plan Report

- Construction is continuing at 10 Green Street, The Greens at Woodbridge Station. (1) Five Story Multi-Family Building (232 Units, 11,700 SF of Retail Space). Anticipated completion is now September 2021.
- Construction is continuing at 55 Brook Street, Brook Street Lofts. (1) Six Story Multi-Family Building (146 Units). Dry Standpipe in service as of 7/30/21, located on North James Street. Standpipe will continue as floors progress.
- Construction is continuing at Main Street & Mutton Hollow Road, Vermella Woodbridge. (5) Four to Five Story Multi-Family Buildings, (376 Units, 1 Clubhouse at 7,909 SF, 1 Retail Building at 9,800 SF and 1 Retail Building at 5,214 SF).
- Construction is continuing at 10 Main Street, Modera Woodbridge. (2) Seven Story Multi-Family Buildings, (279 Residential Units, 6,071 SF of Retail Space). Dry Standpipe in service as of 6/18/21, located in Stairwell # 1. Standpipe will continue as floors progress. FDC located on Main Street across from Townhall entrance.
- Construction is continuing at Jacobs Landing.
- Construction is continuing at 1010 Route 9 North, Spring Hill Suites.
- Tours continued with the LOTO, elevator / escalator project.
- Tours 2 and 3 completed pre-planning of 10 Green Street. Tour 1 did not complete due to the heat index. Tour 4 did not complete due to high call volume.
- Tour 2 and 4 completed a walk-through review of the Shell docks. Tour 1 did not complete due to high call volume and Tour 3 did not complete due to NFIRS training and returning 1-2-6 to service.
- SHELL, Fire Boat mooring project that was scheduled to start on April 29, 2021 has been delayed due to a contractor issue. Update: Project set to be completed August 2021.
- Industrial Firefighting class is scheduled for September 25th 0800 at Station 1.
- Mobile Eyes and the CAD have been updated as information is received.

July 2021



WOODBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Pre-Plan Report

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark J. Minkler
Battalion Chief CFEI / CVFI
Division of Pre-Incident Planning
Woodbridge Fire Department
418 School Street
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Ph. 732-602-6050 Ext. 6178

July 2021

WOODBRIAGE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU REPORT JULY 2021

DATE: August 3, 2021

REPORT COVERING: July

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS: 2

TOTAL INSPECTIONS COMPLETED IN JULY: 185

COMPLAINTS & SPOT INSPECTIONS: 6

LIFE HAZARDS: 9

QUARTERLY:8

SEMI-ANNUAL: 4

NON- LIFE HAZARD USES: 64

TOTAL REINSPECTIONS: 93

PERMITS ISSUED:3

TOTAL AMOUNT BILLED IN JULY: \$ 486.00

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED IN JULY: \$108.00

HOME INSPECTIONS: 0

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION CLASSES: 0

REQUESTS: None

OTHER:

**Keith L. Repace
Captain/Fire Official**

HYDRANT REPORT FOR JULY 2021

Hydrant #W01-033 which was located by the island by Walgreen's Green Street has been relocated to the other side of Green Street opposite the Walgreen's entrance.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Robert Fizer
Captain**

**WOODBIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT
418 School Street
Woodbridge, NJ 07095**

*Robert Minkler Jr.
Battalion Chief
Division of Training
732-602-6050 Ext. 6181*

Training Report July 2021

- **Members completed drills on hose advancement and reviewed Highrise packs, Appliances, and Monitors**
- **Members assisted with the Junior Fire Academy**
- **Members attended a NFIRS class given by the DFS**

To: Deputy Chief Paul
From: Battalion Chief Hines/Capt. Carrick

Date: July 31, 2021

Monthly Building Report for August 2021 Meeting

- Roof leaking rear of bay 3&4 5/29/21 Penyak roofing called and estimate for repair is being processed. Water leak has been reported again 7/18/21. Penyak made repairs on 7/30 & 7/31/2021
- Dunigan replaced second floor bathroom faucets. The old faucets are in a marked box under the bathroom sink in the middle cabinet. Job completed 7/19/21
- BAC awaiting electrician and approval to correct attic fan issue 7/19/21. BAC addressed fan issue on 7/23/21.
- Bilyak came on 7/26 to address power to meeting room attic fan and confirmed no power to unit and will schedule with DC Paul
- Building boiler had a circulator cartridge malfunction Dunigan will be replacing part, not covered by warranty. Dunigan will be working on repair any day 7/19/21
- Performance builder and Burke called to look at side door closure, Dorm main door rubbing on floor awaiting contractor visit. 7/19/21
- Building generator inspected and replacement of batteries recommended by Cummins estimate has been received and is on file with DC Paul.
- Aquila contacted in regards to landscaping trees by bay 1. We are awaiting replacement.
- Ceiling tiles in the process of being replaced throughout building as needed by Tour 4. Tiles installed on 7/7 & 7/17/21
- Kitchen suppression system had 6-month inspection and fire extinguishers on apparatus were serviced. Report on file
- Tour 4 installed new clock in meeting room and new paper towel dispensers in upstairs dorm bathroom and downstairs kitchen

- Bowco did monthly service of the building on 7/01/2021
- Diesel fuel delivered by Allied Oil on 7/20/2021
- Ceiling light changed in privates dorm on 7/11/2021
- DARA AV worked on meeting room on 7/8 & 7/16/2021 awaiting missing part to complete job
- Township installed fax line in BC office on 7/28/2021. The number is (732) 726-2389

Respectfully submitted,
Battalion Chief, David Hines

To: Deputy Chief Paul
From: Battalion Chief Hines/ Capt. Carrick

Date: July 31, 2021

Monthly Compliance Report for August 2021 Meeting

Monthly Requirements

- Building generator test 7/5/21
- Rae meter calibration 7/5/21
- HCN meter calibration 7/21/21
- Building extinguisher checks 7/11/21
- SCBA inspection 7/9/21
- Ground ladder inspections 7/20/21

Quarterly Inspections

- Appliance inspection

Bi-Annual Inspections

- Hydrant inspections in progress

Annual Inspections

- ISFF Tags for Volunteers being distributed by VFC
- SCBA Flow Testing 6/29/21

Upcoming Events/Other:

- Gear washing
- Pump testing

Respectfully Submitted,
Battalion Chief David Hines

Monthly Equipment Report

July 2021

Engine 1

- Outstanding Issues
 - Officer's side intake has small leak – Notified Campbell
 - Paint matter on roll up doors brought to attention of Campbell – PJ will look into warranty
- Resolved
 - Engine damage repaired and Engine placed BIS
 - Pin striping missing on front officer corner – Corrected by Campbell

Engine 2

- Outstanding Issues
 - Driver side front bumper paint blistering – Campbell made aware
 - Officer Rear Door paint blistering – Campbell made aware (Possible slat replacement)
 - Officer middle roll up door stripe bubbling – Campbell made aware (Possible slat replacement)
 - Bell on front bumper – diamond plate mount broken
 - Brakes hang up intermittently – Campbell notified
 - Generator oil light illuminated – Campbell notified
 - Water leaking in cab above officer seat believed to be from a marker light not properly installed – Campbell notified
- Resolved
 - Two discharge gauges cracked and a third shows signs of impending failure – Campbell replaced (Deck gun & left rear discharge)
 -

Engine 3

- Outstanding Issues
 - Batteries need replacement
 - License plate light out & rotted; new fixture required
 - Steering assist cylinder leaking and wheel hitting it
 - Bushing under radiator rotted
 - Volume light out on transfer valve
 - #4 discharge gauge inaccurate
 - Had a date for repairs but needed to cancel – will be rescheduling - will be done at Fire & Safety
 - Rear Pre-Connect 1.75" discharge valve will not close – discharge capped and lever tagged OOS

Truck 6

➤ Outstanding

- Bubbling paint in various spots
- Front bumper diamond plate under bell cracked – Awaiting quote from Campbell
- Shocks need repair according to tech from Nuno Tire – Campbell suggests that we have the rig taken to Perth Amboy Spring and have the entire front and rear suspension evaluated and replaced as needed, shocks included
 - Scheduled for 8/4 at 0800
- Officer side step light to turntable is out – Campbell ordered parts
- Air conditioning not working – diagnosed as a bad roof condenser and possibly a line on the roof; there is refrigerant all over the driver's side of the roof
- Driver headlight wiring requires evaluation by qualified mechanic

➤ Resolved

- Broken turbo inlet temperature sensor – Replaced by Campbell
- #1 Cross-lay lever sticking – Campbell repaired
- Driver rear cab door lock not latching consistently – Repaired by Campbell
- Surge tank is leaking coolant – Diagnosed by field mechanic 7/8 and parts ordered
 - OOS on 7/17
 - Delivered to Campbell 7/18
 - Repaired and returned 7/22 BIS
- Truck towed to Campbell due to low power 7/23
 - Diagnosed as blown battery
 - Batteries replaced and returned 7/27 BIS
- Headlight – Driver side replaced by shift (third time this year)

Auxiliary Vehicles

➤ Outstanding

➤ Resolved

- 1-3-7 was at Glasson's for the following:
 - 1-3-7 Driver side rear door does not open
 - 1-3-7 Air Bag service light is on and water leaks through the A post in heavy rain

Turnout Gear

➤ Outstanding

- Recruit Vega was advised to turn in all gear
 - Failed to turn in pager

➤ Resolved

- Captain Mastanduno issued one set of new gear
- One set of rental gear shipped back to FedEx – Duffy/Napolitano
 - Recruit Martinez advised to turned in all rental gear and department issued equipment

Equipment Out of Service

- Outstanding
 - Rescue Jacks bag damaged beyond repair
 - Replacement bag not available – No longer in production – Awaiting vendor recommendation
 - Thermal Imaging Camera out of service – New camera ordered
 - SCBA frame 86 damage discovered during flow test – taken by NJFE for repair
 - RAE Meter #5 – Test gas ordered
- Resolved
 - SCBA frame 59 heads up display not operating appropriately – Repaired by NJFE

Miscellaneous

- Resolved
 - FF Kociolek's gear was dropped off by family – Placed in storage
 - FF Kociolek's dress uniform was dropped off by family – given to President Leminelle 7/28

Orders & Deliveries

- Ordered
 - FLIR Thermal Imaging Camera & Charging Base
 - Department Gear Order Placed – Skylands
 - Cal Gas for 50% LEL – Gen-EI
 - BlitzFire Trip Mechanism ordered NJFE
 - Six lengths of 1.75" hose – FF1
- Delivered
 - Three new sampling wands - RAE Meters - Gen-EI
 - Medical supplies for apparatus and cabinet – VE Ralph
 - Gear for Captain Mastanduno – Issued without incident
 - Uniforms – 1 shorts – Turnout

Disposal List

- Outstanding
 - Outdated equipment in work room inventoried for auction site
 - For completion in August

Chief Golden,

The following is the summary equipment report for the month of July 2021.

1. Engine 1-1

- Officer's side intake has small leak – Notified Campbell (On Hold)
- Damaged responding to alarm # 21048944 – Repairs completed by Campbell

2. Engine 1-2

- Officer Rear Door paint blistering – Working w/Campbell/Spartan(Warranty)
- Officer middle roll up door stripe bubbling – See Above
- 2 Discharge Gauges replaced by Campbell
- Bell on front bumper – diamond plate mount broken

3. Engine 1-3

- Now scheduled for 8/23/21 to repair issues found from PM by Fire & Safety
(Delayed due to damage to 1-1)

4. Truck 1-2-6

- Broken turbo inlet temperature sensor – Replaced by Campbell
- #1 Cross-lay lever sticking – Campbell repaired
- Driver rear cab door lock not latching consistently – Repaired by Campbell
- Surge tank leaking coolant/Overheating – Repaired by Campbell
- Truck towed to Campbell due to no power/Blown battery – Repaired by Campbell

5. Auxiliary Vehicles

- 1-3-7
- Driver side rear door does not open – Repaired by Glasson's
- Air Bag service light is on – Repaired by Glasson's
- Water leaks through the A post in heavy rain – Repaired by Glasson's

6. Other equipment items noted is as follows;

- Mr. Martinez returned equipment he was issued on 7/29/21

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

*Robert Paul
Deputy Chief
Woodbridge Fire Department
418 School St.
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
(732) 326-2435*