

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

Maria Bucsanszky: Mr. President – 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 boards of the fire houses and the post offices of Woodbridge and Sewaren. Mr. President, you may proceed.

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

A moment of silence was observed for all our First Responders and for those that fulfilled the roll of First Responders on this day in which the ultimate sacrifice was made and to continue to make that ultimate sacrifice for saving countless number of people. Their dedication and their efforts will never be forgotten.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk – Maria Bucsanszky
Mayor John E. McCormac

Commissioner J.C.K.: Thank you everyone for coming tonight; this is a very special night. Tonight, as we also reflect the losses of this day, we come together to have these four new candidates take the oath to protect and serve the lives of people that work and visit this community. We the Board feel that these candidates are especially new to this department. This day would normally be just a honored reflection on the losses of our First Responder community but for unforeseen reasons and events we are here tonight between a limited window to get these candidates on with the State with Commissioners going on vacation, Commissioners coming back from cutting business trips short to get back here on time and actually tonight we have Commissioner Howell here who actually is here while today is his wedding anniversary. The training academy starts on Monday. All these signs showed us that this was a true calling to this profession for these four new candidates and we are very proud they will serve this department well. With that we’ll move on and Mayor you’re going to come up and give the oath and the first new firefighter who will be sworn in is Christopher Kenny.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Repeat after me, I Christopher Kenny.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: I Christopher Kenny.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Do solemnly swear.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: Do solemnly swear.

Mayor John E. McCormac: That I will faithfully.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: That I will faithfully.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And conscientiously discharge.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: And conscientiously discharge.

Mayor John E. McCormac: The duties of Firefighter.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: The duties of Firefighter.

Mayor John E. McCormac: For Fire District No. 1.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: For Fire District No. 1.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Mayor John E. McCormac: According to the best of my ability.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: According to the best of my ability.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And I will render full.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: And I will render full service.

Mayor John E. McCormac: To the district.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: To the district.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And to the Fire Department.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: And to the Fire Department.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And will at times.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: And will at times.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Be subordinate to the orders.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: Be subordinate to the orders.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And directions of my superiors.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: And directions of my superiors.

Mayor John E. McCormac: In conformity with the rules.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: In conformity with the rules.

Mayor John E. McCormac: I further solemnly swear.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: I further solemnly swear.

Mayor John E. McCormac: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And that I will bear true faith.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: And that I will bear true faith.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And alliance.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: And alliance.

Mayor John E. McCormac: To the same.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: To the same.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And to the governments established.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: And to the governments established.

Mayor John E. McCormac: In the United States.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: In the United States.

Mayor John E. McCormac: And in this state.

Firefighter Christopher: And in this state.

Mayor John E. McCormac: So help me God.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: So help me God.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Congratulations.

Audience applauds.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Congratulations, thank you very much.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: Thank you.

Commissioner T.H.: Congratulations.

Firefighter Christopher Kenny: Thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay our next new Firefighter will be Daniel Aquino.

Mayor John E. McCormac: We're going to speed this up. Do you Daniel Aquino solemnly swear that you will faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of Firefighter of Fire District No. 1 Township of Woodbridge, State of New Jersey according to the best of your ability and that you will render full service to the district and the Fire Department and will at all times be subordinate to the orders and directions of your superiors in conformity with the rules? Do you further solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and that you will bear true faith and alliance to the same and to the governments established in the United States and in this state so help me God?

Firefighter Daniel Aquino: I do.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Congratulations.

Audience applauds.

Commissioner T.H.: Congratulations.

Firefighter Daniel Aquino: Thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Congratulations

Firefighter Daniel Aquino: Thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay next new Firefighter will be Gilbert Rivera.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Do you Gilbert Rivera solemnly swear that you will faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of Firefighter of Fire District No. 1 Township of Woodbridge, State of New Jersey according to the best of your ability and that you will render full service to the district and the Fire Department and will at all times be subordinate to the orders and directions of your superiors in conformity with the rules? Do you further solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the Unites States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and that you will bear true faith and alliance to the same and to the governments established in the United States and in this state so help me God?

Firefighter Gilbert Rivera: I do.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Congratulations.

Audience applauds.

Commissioner P.K.: Congratulations.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Congratulations.

Firefighter Gilbert Rivera: Thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay our next Firefighter will be Christopher Jago.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Do you Christopher Jago solemnly swear that you will faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of Firefighter of Fire District No. 1 Township of Woodbridge, State of New Jersey according to the best of your ability and that you will render full service to the district and the Fire Department and will at all times be subordinate to the orders and directions of your superiors in conformity with the rules? Do you further solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the Unites States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey and that you will bear true faith and alliance to the same and to the governments established in the United States and in this state so help me God?

Firefighter Christopher Jago: I do.

Mayor John E. McCormac: Congratulations.

Audience applauds.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Congratulations.

Firefighter Christopher Jago: Thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay Mayor do you want to say a few words?

Mayor John E. McCormac: I just want to mention a few of the Council people that are here. Of course our First Ward Councilwoman Nancy Drumm is no stranger to the Woodbridge Fire Department, Nancy, our Councilman At Large Gregg Ficarra is here, our Deputy Police Director Joe Nisky is here and former Councilman Ken Gardner; I don't see anybody else who is elected. I also just want to thank the guy behind me, Emergency Management Coordinator Pat Kenny. This weekend we were at the Senior Olympics and a man in his 70s he already finished the 5K race, cycling race I should say at Woodbridge Center, and he just finished a 10K race and as he got to the finish line tried to step off his bike he went into cardiac arrest. He was dead; he flat lined he was dead. There was no pulse in his neck; there was no pulse in his wrist. Pat Kenny started working on him and got him back to life; literally saved the man's life. They were going to meet the ambulance halfway to the hospital to save time and as it turns out he got his pulse back, he started breathing and he was cognizant so they waited for the ambulance to take him to the hospital. We actually visited him today. The first question he asked when he came to that day was did I win; I'm not kidding you. His wife and his daughter said the whole story and today we went and presented him with his two silver medals but I cannot imagine the feeling any better than to know that you were the reason somebody is alive today so I'm going to congratulate EMS Coordinator Pat Kenny.

Audience applauds

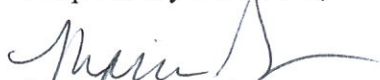
Mayor John E. McCormac: With all the concerts and all the different events I would like to say thanks to the fire, thanks to the police, thanks to CERT and thanks to the First Aid for being here and making sure we're safe. In this case it was thanks to Pat Kenny which sums up a lot, thank you very much.

Audience applauds.

Commissioner J.C.K.: I'm just making everyone aware that our candidates will be going to the Fire Academy and when they graduate from the Fire Academy we will be having a Uniform Ceremony downstairs on the apparatus floor so date to be announced. So that everyone knows afterwards you can take pictures, whatever you would like to do. Does anyone from the Board have anything else they want to say? Okay, thank you for coming.

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Todd Howell and carried unanimously at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Maria Bucsanszky
District Clerk