

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:00 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 members and please keep in your prayers, who has worked many elections for us Katherine “Sis” Golden, who has unfortunately passed on.

PRESENT: Commissioner John C. Kenny, Commissioner Jeffrey Moran, Commissioner Jay Barcellona, Commissioner Patrick Kenny, Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr.
(6:05 P.M.)

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Bucsanszky – District Clerk
Lisa Lanza
Robert Paul

Commissioner J.C.K.: I need a motion to suspend the reading of the previous meeting to the next Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Jay Barcellona made a motion to suspend the reading of the previous meeting to the next Regular Meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: The purpose of this meeting tonight is our 1998 pumper’s quality end of life and we’re looking to replace that. It’s about a two-year lead time for a new one to come in. Also, as we know we’ve had serious flooding in the past. We have bought our firefighters up to do Water Rescue. We are looking for a boat that we would be able to navigate the streets when flooded to make rescues on homes and due to the increase activities on Main Street with street fairs and such and, which is a good thing large crowds that are coming, are looking to get some type of (inaudible) so that we could navigate easier through those areas when those events are going on, God forbid, there was any type of situation. We’re also looking to continue to replace Fleet and Fire Prevention which would come out of our Fund Balance and would not have any impact in taxes. Does anybody in the public have any questions? Okay, at this time if you like you can go over, Lisa and Bob Paul are over there, and you can express your opinions.

Recorder shut off during voting.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay at this time it is 9:00 P.M. It's the end of the session on people to voice their opinions on the Special Questions. Please close all materials that we were using for the questions and could you please give us a summary.

Maria Bucsanszky: The final tally is Question No. 1 – Yes: 55 No: 17; Question No. 2 – Yes: 47 No: 25; Question No. 3 – Yes: 45 No: 27.

Commissioner J.C.K.: With the final count we can now close the meeting.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to close the Special Meeting at 9:10 P.M. which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Bucsanszky
District Clerk