

**JAMESBURG BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
FIRE DISTRICT #1  
August 18, 2016**

The Meeting was called to order by Attorney Joseph Youssouf, The meeting is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act of 1974 and all provisions have been met.

**ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners:  
N. Linke, D. Walker, B. Wright.  
P. Connelly, W. Stonaker, (late arrival 7:35)  
Attorney, Joseph Youssouf**

**MINUTES**

Commissioner B. Wright requested a motion to accept July's Minutes.

Motion made by D. Walker, 2nd by B. Wright to accept the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: 4 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**PNC Bank**

	<b>Checking</b>		<b>Savings</b>
Bal. bt fwd.	\$11,324.16		\$384,062.76
Deposits	\$22,889.60		\$ 29.87
Vouchers Paid	\$(14,213.76)	Withdrawals	\$(22,889.60)
Totals	\$20,000.00		\$361,203.03
<b>Grand Total cash on hand</b>			<b>\$381,203.03</b>

An adjustment will be made to line item # 7730-00 in the amount of \$8670.00. This amount should have been taken from Capital Improvements for ½ of the payment of the door project.

Board has also received a check in the amount of \$115,750.00 from the Borough of Jamesburg.

Motion made to approve Treasurer's report:

1<sup>st</sup> N. Linke 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Wright

Roll Call: 4 Yes, 1 Absent.

**REQUISITIONS:**

Ocean Coast Electric

Lighting & 3 way switches, back stairway & gear room. \$980.35

Motion made to approve requisitions:

1<sup>st</sup> N. Linke 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Wright.

Roll Call: 4 Yes, 1 Absent

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Joseph Youssouf reviewed Plainsboro Twp. 'Video & Photo policy with regards to releasing information" and there are a few things he suggests be changed if the Board feels it necessary to adopt such a policy. Attorney advised that if anyone from the public requesting such information must fill out an Oprah request.

If the Department wants their own policy, he will be glad to type one up. As per D. Fitzpatrick the Department doesn't need one. (This was given to attorney by W. Stonaker for review)

Attorney asked when the Board is going to start working on the Budget, Response, at October's Meeting.

**PRESIDENT REID'S REPORT:** Advised the Board that there are somethings that aren't finished on the doors.

Cracks in the masonry

Boxes uneven

Bricks need to be put back around pine walls.

**Commissioner B. Wright advised that he spoke with Kenny from KTK and was advised that the job isn't complete. Commissioner B. Wright requested a list from C. Reid on the door project so it can be determined what needs to be completed.**

**Still waiting on prices for the Handicap Ramp.**

**Commissioner B. Wright made a motion to get another quote from a masonry contractor,**

**N. Linke 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Roll call: 5 yes.**

**As per the state we don't have to bring ramp up to code because we are only repairing it.**

**Commissioner P. Connelly stated that's not a repair. You have to remove the entire ramp and replace it. Commissioner N. Linke Agreed.**

**As per Attorney, Tape off ramp and use bay door.**

**Note: Attorney Youssouf stated, if the Commissioners don't own the building we cannot bond for repairs, we must have a 99 year lease. Taxpayer's money cannot be used for improvements to a building that is privately owned.**

**Commissioner B. Wright will write a letter to the DCA concerning the ramp. In the meantime, attempt get more quotes.**

#### **CHIEF RAMPACHEK'S REPORT:**

**20 fires for the month of July.**

**Coming up in September:**

**Ladder testing**

**Hose Testing**

**Truck Maintenance**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**On 8/16/2016 Commissioner B. Wright, Chief J. Rampachek, and Deputy Chief D. Fitzpatrick met with Mike Gallagher, Middlesex County Fire Marshal, and a representative from Tactical Radios to discuss the Departments Radio system.**

**Middlesex County uses a Tri-Band Radio System, P25 System, which will meet all of the Fire Company's needs, locally and during mutual aid assignments, the Borough's Police Department is already using said system, the County system utilizes a microwave style system so it shall rarely ever fail and they will also be adding another tower in the Plainsboro area to increase coverage throughout the southern part of Middlesex County.**

**Middlesex County used to charge a municipality a fee to be on their system, they no longer charge any municipality a fee, so if we choose to get on board it will not cost the taxpayers an annual fee.**

**There are two different suppliers, Harris and Motorola. Harris is less expensive and this is what our Police Department is utilizing.**

**Tactical will consider a trade in value for old radios.**

**8/15/2016 the same group also met with East Brunswick Township representative, John Kosik, they offer a 500 mhz system and they would have the need to charge us \$7100.00 twice a year. This system operates on a TV band and the FCC wants emergency services not to utilize this system.**

**The Department is also in need of upgrading the Air filling station  
The estimated cost to replace the outdated system they use today may cost near \$55,000 + - .**

**The Board voted to hold a special meeting/election to obtain voter approval to invest in the upgrading of both the Radio Communication System and the Air filling station, not to exceed \$305,000. This special meeting/election shall be held on September 20, 2016 at 7:30 pm. At the Jamesburg Fire House  
82 west railroad Avenue.  
1<sup>st</sup>. W. Stonaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> N. Linke  
Roll call: 5 yes**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FCC: all JFD FCC licenses are up to date. The only issue we are having is with the one we took over from the police dept. still waiting to hear.**

**Commissioner B. Wright advised the Board that the ID system is working thanks to the help of the Asst. Borough Administrator.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**1<sup>st</sup> W. Stonaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Connelly**

**Albert Linke spoke with concern about the bricks around the pine walls where the widening of the bay doors were being worked on, he stated he wants it put back to save the wood from rotting.**

**CLOSE MEETING TO PUBLIC: 1<sup>st</sup> W. Stonaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Walker**

**CLOSE MEETING / ADJOURN: 1<sup>ST</sup> D.Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> W. Stonaker**

**By: N. Linke, Clerk**