Iselin District #11 Board of Fire Commissioners March 11, 2020 Minutes

In accordance with the Public Open Meeting Act, all provisions have been met by our annual announcement in The Star Ledger.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Steve Freeman on March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Commissioners in attendance: Freeman, Trela, Sandklev and Smith. Also in attendance were Chief Ryan Malheiro, President Mark Farese, and Fire Official Helge Nordveit.

Commissioners Ron Lisoski and Ry Sandklev have been sworn in for their new terms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lisoski.

Chief's Report

Chief Ryan Malheiro provided the monthly report to the Board.

Report Items:

- 1. 34 Calls; 4 low on percentages (all 4 have been made aware of the suspension policy as this is their second month with low percentages)
- 2. South Amboy parade has been cancelled and rescheduled for May 17th
- 3. Vacation tracker is up and running 30 days/year allotted

Action Items:

None

Fire Official's Report

Fire Official Nordveit provided his monthly report to the Board.

Report Items:

- 1. Statistics: 5 Life and 19 Non-Life Inspections performed. There were three complaints investigated and four investigations performed.
- 2. Bureau vehicles running well

Action Items:

None

Communications
None
Bills
A motion was made by Commissioner Trela to pay all bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. All Commissioners were in favor.
Alarms & Pagers
Steve Freeman provided his monthly report to the Board.
Report Items: No issues to report
Action Items: None
Water & Hydrants
Steve Freeman provided his monthly report to the Board.
Report Items: No issues to report
Action Items: None
Fire Prevention
Fire Official Nordveit provided his monthly report to the Board.
Report Items: 1. Fire Official has another vendor in mind for materials if it becomes necessary.
Action Items: None

House Report

Steve Freeman provided the monthly report to the Board.

Report Items:

- 1. Waiting on final report for generator. Holding the last bill until the insurance company's decision is made.
- 2. Railing has been replaced.
- 3. Stairs to be painted by Ryan.
- 4. Stove in hall has been cleaned and updated parts installed by Mark Farese.

Action Items:

None

Truck Report

Scott Smith provided the monthly report to the Board.

Report Items:

1. No issues to report

Action Items:

1. Camera on Ladder working intermittently, to be looked at.

Joint Board

Meeting was attended Steve Freeman and he provided the details.

Report Items:

- 1. Price to be obtained for new smoke trailer
- 2. Pick Up Truck for Mutual Aid coordinators is in

Unfinished Business

- 1. Holding off on architect until generator matter is settled.
- 2. Scott Smith to be added to emails for new applicants.
- 3. Steve to change phones to be six rings before the voicemail picks up.

New Business

- 1. Steve is working with Chief on budget items.
- 2. Received Proclamation for outgoing Chief.
- 3. Seven Resolutions read and approved by Board:
 - a. Resolution No. 03112020-1: Authorizing Appointment of Auditor for the 2020-2021 Year
 - b. Resolution No. 03112020-2: Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims
 - c. Resolution No. 03112020-3: Designation of Official Newspapers for Publications for the 2020-2021 Year
 - d. Resolution No. 03112020-4: Authorizing Appointment of Accountant for the 2020-2021 Year
 - e. Resolution No. 03112020-5: Authorizing Appointment of Attorney for the 2020-2021 Year
 - f. Resolution No. 03112020-6: Adoption of Cash Management Plan
 - g. Resolution No. 03112020-7: Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2020-2021 Year
 - h. Resolution No. 03112020-8: Appointment of Fire Official
 - i. Resolution No. 03112020-9: Appointment of Fire Inspector

Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance - \$1,732,379.79

Action Items

- 1. A few items need to be gathered for the audit
- 2. Balance of Dispatch bill has been paid
- 3. Workers Comp bill received.

Meeting adjourned 7:33 pm.

Resolution # 03112020-1

Authorizing Appointment of Auditor for the 2020-2021 Year

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WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of making an appointment to this position as referenced above for the 2020-2021 year; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, provides that a governing body may award a contract without public advertising for competitive bidding where the nature of said contract is in the form of a professional service; and,

WHEREAS, the subject resolution providing for the awarding of this contract relative to professional services, and the notice of award of said contract shall be made available for public inspection; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides that a notice of the award of said contract be published in a newspaper, said advertisement stating the nature, duration and amount of the contract.

- (1) Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins is hereby appointed to provide auditing services to the Commissioners together with assistance in preparation of the 2021 budget and for establishment and maintenance of the necessary documentation consistent with the requirements and the regulations of the Department of Community Affairs and with the New Jersey statutes. This appointment is made pursuant to the proposal as submitted and attached hereto.
- (2) This resolution and the notice of award of contract shall be available for public inspection.

Resolution # 03112020-2

Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has adopted rules and regulations which apply to municipal entities, and the fire district is a municipal entity as defined in the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 4, Section 5:31-4.1(e) provides that payment of claims by the fire district shall be by check on the fire district and signed by the governing body chairman, the chief financial officer and countersigned by such other officer or officials as designated by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 4, Section 5:31-4.2 further provides that the Commissioners, at their reorganizational meeting, designate, by resolution, the individuals whose signatures shall appear on checks drawn upon the treasury of the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 4, Section 5:31-4.1(f) provides that the Commissioners shall, by resolution passed by not less than the majority of the full membership, further designate the manner in which the time in which salaries, wages or other compensation for services shall be paid.

- (1) The checks as issued by the Commissioners for payment of claims shall be signed by the President, Treasurer and countersigned by one other Commissioner in order that the Commissioners comply with the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board and as set forth herein.
- (2) No more than one stamp facsimile shall be used on any particular check in place of a handwritten signature.
- (3) The manner in which and the time in which compensation for services rendered by employees of the Commissioners shall be paid shall be in accordance with individual employment contracts. The Commissioners' salaries shall be paid as determined by the Commissioners.

Resolution # 03112020-3

Designation of Official Newspapers for Publications for the 2020-2021 Year

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 11 in the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, must, by statutory law, publish various items in order to comply with said requirements of statutory law; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of designating various newspapers as official newspapers in which the Commissioners may publish its various items during the 2020-2021 year.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 11, in the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, as follows:

(1) The official newspapers in which the Commissioners will publish all required notices or other items during the 2020-2021 year pursuant to New Jersey statutes shall be *Star Ledger* and/or *Home News Tribune*, unless said New Jersey statutory law otherwise mandates that a newspaper other than those as referenced herein be used for said publications.

Resolution #03112020-4

Authorizing Appointment of Accountant for the 2020-2021 Year

WHEREAS, there exists a continuing need for certain accounting services to be provided to the Commissioners of Fire District No. 11 in the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, concerning various responsibilities undertaken by said Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of making an appointment to this position as referenced above for the 2020-2021 year; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., provides that a governing body may award a contract without public advertising for competitive bidding where the nature of said contract is in the form of a professional service; and,

WHEREAS, the subject resolution providing for the awarding of this contract relative to professional services, and the notice of award of said contract shall be made available for public inspection; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides that a notice of the award of said contract be published in a newspaper, said advertisement stating the nature, duration and amount of the contract.

- (1) Michael Klepchick is hereby appointed to provide accounting services to the Commissioners. This appointment is made pursuant to the proposal as submitted and attached hereto.
- (2) This resolution and the notice of award of contract shall be available for public inspection.

Resolution # 03112020 - 5

Authorizing Appointment of Attorney for the 2020-2021 Year

WHEREAS, there exists a continuing need for legal services to be provided to the Commissioners of Fire District No. 11 in the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, concerning various responsibilities undertaken by the Commissioners; and,

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- (1) **Richard M. Braslow, Esq.**, is hereby appointed to provide legal services to the Commissioners relative to any and all issues presented to the Commissioners pursuant to any of its obligations or responsibilities. This appointment is made pursuant to the proposal attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (2) This resolution and the notice of award of contract shall be available for public inspection.

Resolution #03112020-6

Adoption of Cash Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has adopted rules and regulations which apply to municipal entities and the fire district is a municipal entity as defined in the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board; and,

WHEREAS, Subchapter 3, Section 5:31-3.1(a) provides that the governing body shall, by resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership, adopt a cash management plan, which shall include the designation of a depository, the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund or a public depository or depositories.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 11 in the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, as follows:

(1) This resolution shall act as a formal adoption by the Commissioners of a cash management plan, which shall allow for official depositories of the Commissioners to be TD Bank, N.A.

Resolution # 03112020 - 7

Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule for the 2020-2021 Year

WHEREAS, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Section 13, requires a public body to post and maintain posted, to distribute to designated newspapers, and to further file with the Municipal Clerk for the purpose of public inspections, a schedule of the regular meetings of such public body to be held during the calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, such schedule of regular meetings is required to contain the location of each meeting, to the extent that it is known, and the time and date of each meeting; and,

WHEREAS, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Section 3-D, provides that where the annual notice or revisions thereof, in compliance with sections of the subject act, set forth the location, time and date of any meeting, no further action shall be required for such meeting.

- (1) All regular meetings of the Commissioners shall take place on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Iselin Firehouse, 20 Auth Avenue, Iselin, New Jersey.
- (2) A summary of this resolution shall be sent to The Home News and Tribune and/or The Star Ledger.
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Resolution #03112020-8

Appointment of Fire Official For 2020-2021 Year

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of making an appointment of a Fire Official for the 2020-2021 year.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 11 in the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, as follows:

(1) *Helge Nordtveit* is hereby appointed to the position of Fire Official for the 2020-2021 year for Fire District No. 11 in the Township of Woodbridge.

This resolution and the notice of the appointment shall be available for public inspection.

Resolution #03112020-9

Appointment of Fire Inspector For 2020-2021 Year

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of making an appointment of a Fire Inspector for the 2020-2021 year.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 11 in the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, as follows:

(1) **William Draina** is hereby appointed to the position of Fire Inspector for the 2020-2021 year for Fire District No. 11 in the Township of Woodbridge.

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