

**MEETING OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
STRATHMERE, UPPER TOWNSHIP, CAPE MAY COUNTY, NJ**

September 18, 2014 – 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Ken Weaver, Chairman, Presiding  
Donna Diefenderfer, Secretary  
Karen Mitchell, Treasurer  
Steve Nickelsberg, Commissioner  
Michael J. Bohrer, Esq. CPA – Accountant  
Ed Scanlon, Deputy Chief

ABSENT: Randy Roash, Vice Chairman

Ken called the meeting to order.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Steve moved to pay checks # 4569 to 4601  
Donna seconded the motion.

Mike held a discussion on the budget history. He talked about the 2% cap which is the limit for raising taxes each year, and reviewed the amount of increases for ½ percent through 2 percent. Mike then talked about each line item and the potential amounts for 2015 with a 2 percent increase.

Mike next talked about Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual. He went over the Balance Sheet and talked about our certificates of deposit. Then Mike talked about each line item and if we were over or under the budgeted amount.

After reviewing these figures, Mike asked us to think about what percent we will be asking for the 2015 budget. In October we will vote on approving the Budget.

Mike held a discussion about an appointment for an attorney, possibly Jules Konschak from Ocean City (office on 34<sup>th</sup> Street).

Ed Scanlon held a discussion on getting a new fire truck. He explained the capabilities of the new truck, and the potential for getting a better fire rating from the state (we have a rating of 6).

The first proposal for a new truck came in at \$467,000. The Fire Company Truck Committee reduced that by \$31,000 by eliminating items, leaving a cost of roughly \$436,000. The trade-in of the 2005 truck would bring \$145,000 (if we place the order in 2014), leaving a requirement of \$291,000. They would pay about \$150,000 from the truck fund, leaving \$141,000 to raise or borrow (the SVFC has not previously borrowed for equipment). It would take about nine months for delivery after placing the order.

Karen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve.

Next meeting will be held at the Firehouse at 5:00 pm on October 16, 2014

Respectfully Submitted  
Donna Diefenderfer, Secretary