

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

January 19, 2017 – 5:00 PM

PRESIDING: Karen Mitchell, Chairman
Randy Roash, Vice Chairman
Donna DiEfenderfer, Secretary
Steve Nickelsberg, Treasurer
Joe Boland
Michael J. Bohrer, Esq. CPA – Accountant

General Public: Bruce Riordan
Ed Scanlon

Karen called the meeting to order.

Karen asked for a motion to pay checks 4889 to 4896. Randy made the motion and Joe seconded the motion.

Karen asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting. Steve made the motion to accept the minutes from the November meeting; Randy seconded the motion.

Mike spoke about ~~Ford Scott~~ our auditor; they sent us paper work that needs be signed. Paper work deals with money given to us by the Township collected from taxes. Ford Scott is the Auditor for the Township, Steve signed the paper work.

Karen signed paper work from ^{Verizon} ~~Horizon~~ for Tax Exempt Forms.

Mike held a discussion on the Financial Package.

Page 1 at the bottom he explained the term of office for all the Commissioners.

Page 4 Balance Sheet-we have \$31,493.14 on hand, which has to last until May/June of 2017 until we receive our money from the Township.

Page 11 Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual. Nineteen days into the budget we show we are about five thousand under budget.

Page 17 Calendar for 2017-Joe made a motion to accept the 2017 calendar and Randy seconded the motion.

Page 19 Profit and Loss from December 2016, which shows we have \$586.99 to the good. (shows we do not over spend)

Page 19A Compares the 2016 Budget.

Page 20 Shows all the transaction by account for 2016.

Mike spoke about how Bruce does a good job by keeping the Fire Company on track with the budget.

Steve spoke about our ISO rating. He has written that the Strathmere Fire District 1 has improved their ISO/PPC rating from a 6 to a 4. The ISO/PPC rating is used by the Insurance Industry along with other factors to determine Fire Insurance Rates. A 4 rating is only achieved by 25% of all Fire Departments (Volunteer & Paid). Due to the hard work of the Strathmere Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, the new rating may possibly be a factor in reducing homeowner insurance premiums. Strathmere Homeowners are urged to contact their Insurance Company and or Agent to see if the new rating could possible contribute to a savings. The new rating goes into effect on 4/1/2017.

We can put information on Township, SIA and possible on the Fishing Club website. Motion was made by Steve and seconded by Randy for information about ISO rating be placed on websites.

Joe spoke about Comcast bill, because we are a small account, they could not give us any other discount.

Karen spoke about Randy running for re-election as a commissioner.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen.

Next meeting will be held at the Firehouse at 5:00 pm on March 16, 2017

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Diefenderfer, Secretary