LOWER TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSION
SECOND DISTRICT
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Minutes of the Special Capital Meeting of September 21, 2015

A special Capital Expenditure Meeting held pursuant to NJSA 40A:14-84 by Fire District 2, Lower Township, Cape May County, New Jersey was called to order at 19:30 hours by President Nolan at the Town Bank Fire House, 224 Town Bank Road, North Cape May, New Jersey.

President Nolan read the statement of compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" and pointed out the fire exits to the public in attendance.

After flag salute, roll was called; Commissioners present were Andrews, Brown, Conley, Nolan, Prendergast and Charlotte, "Missie" Taylor-Axelsson Financial Data Specialist. Also in attendance were 39 firefighters, and 5 other members of the public.

There was a discussion initiated by Conley regarding the purpose of the meeting being for open discussion regarding the financing and capital expenditure for a replacement fire pumper to replace unit 6134 and to obtain voter authorization to purchase the new pumper for a cost not to exceed $750,000.00. Conley continued that the Commissioners anticipate that if approved, this unit will be purchased in 2016 with the first payment in 2017. The current payments for our last purchase, 6134 will conclude in 2016 and anticipate that this new unit will begin after the final payment for 6134 and therefore will have no impact on the annual tax rate.

Chief Lew Megonigal explained the new pumper would be to replace 6134, which was built in 1994 and is now 20 years old. Any fire truck more than 20 years old will not carry a rating from ISO. The chief and his apparatus committee have reviewed the cost of unit 6133 purchased approximately 2 years ago and estimated that the cost to replace unit 6134 in 2016 will be $750,000.00.

A motion was offered by Conley and seconded by Andrews to open the meeting to the public, voting yes, Andrews, Brown, Conley, Nolan and Prendergast; voting no, no one; abstaining, no one.

Glenn Douglass, a former Councilman in Lower Township stated that he is familiar with the ISO rating since he worked with ISO when his was on Lower Township Council. It was his feeling as a resident of Fire District No. 2 that the Fire District needs to keep the rating up and supports the purchase. He also complimented the officers and firefighters of the Town Bank Volunteer Fire Company on the fine work they do.

There was no one else that wanted to speak either for or against the topic. A motion was offered by Conley and seconded by Andrews to close the public portion of the meeting and determine, by voting, "Shall the Commissioner of Fire District No. 2, in the Township Lower, County of Cape

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May, New Jersey be authorized to expend not in excess of $750,000.00 relative to the purchase of the fire apparatus and to undertake lease purchase financing or such other applicable financing relative to the project?"; voting yes, Andrews, Brown, Conley, Nolan and Prendergast; voting no, no one; abstaining, no one.

The results of the voting, conducted on paper ballots, was thirty-six (36) yes votes and zero (0) no votes.

Resolution 15-34 Accepting the voter approval tally of thirty-six (36) yes votes and zero (0) no votes to the question, "Shall the Commissioner of Fire District No. 2, in the Township Lower, County of Cape May, New Jersey be authorized to expend not in excess of $750,000.00 relative to the purchase of the fire apparatus and to undertake lease purchase financing or such other applicable financing relative to the project?"; was offered by Conley and seconded by Brown, voting yes, Andrews, Brown, Conley, Nolan and Prendergast; voting no, no one; abstaining, no one.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 19:55 hours by a motion by Andrews and a second by Prendergast.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis H. Conley, Jr.
Secretary/Commissioner