

LOWER TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSION

**SECOND DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 724
NORTH CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY 08204**

Minutes of the Minutes of the December 30, 2019 Special Meeting

A SPECIAL meeting of Fire District 2, Lower Township, Cape May County, New Jersey was called to order at 18:00 hours by President Brown at the Town Bank Fire House, 224 Town Bank Road, North Cape May, New Jersey.

President Brown 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, Barger, Brown, Conley, and Prendergast. Charlotte, "Missie" Axelsson Financial Data Specialist also attended. Also present were fourteen firefighters, and ten other members of the public.

MINUTES

No minutes of the previous meeting were available for this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasurer's Report was available for this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. None received.

TOWN BANK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- A report of the month's activities was reported at the December 16, 2019 meeting.

BUREAU OF FIRE SAFETY REPORT

- The Bureau of Fire Safety report was reported at the December 16, 2019 meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS

Old Business was tabled until the regular meeting scheduled for January 27, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Conley stated that the meeting had been advertised in the Cape May County Herald and the Cape May Star & Wave more than 10 days prior to this meeting stating that a Special Meeting has been called by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Lower Township Fire District #2 scheduled for December 30, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm at The Town Bank Volunteer Fire Company Firehouse, 224 Town Bank Road, North Cape May, N.J. 08204. He further stated that on December 19, 2019, he had posted notices in the eight (8) following locations (5 minimum required):

Lower Township Municipal Building, Notices Board
Cape May Star & Wave newspaper
The Press of Atlantic City newspaper
Town Bank Fire Company, Notices Board
Lower Township Fire District No. 2's web page
WAWA, North Cape May, Notices Board
North Cape May Acme, Notices Board
North Cape May Post Office, Notices Board

Conley then reviewed the proposed 2020 budget in detail that includes a 1 million dollar down payment from the Capital Account for the new Tower/Ladder, \$260,000 for new air-packs and about \$315,000 for replacement of the building sprinkler system, but does not increase the tax rate from last year.

Conley, reviewed for all in attendance that the Bureau of Authority Regulation has determined that tonight's Special Meeting must be held for the Capital Expenditures in the 2020 Budget, specifically Capital Item #1 the expenditure of not to exceed \$315,000.00 for the purchase of repairs to the firehouses fire protection system and Capital Item #2 the purchase of fire apparatus not to exceed \$260,000.00 and for the public to vote on those Capital Expenditures.

Conley continued the discussion by indicating that there were paper ballots available each containing two ballot questions the first is Capital Item #1 the expenditure of not to exceed \$315,000.00 for the purchase of repairs to the firehouses fire protection system with a place to

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indicate yes or no. The second is Capital Item #2 the purchase of fire apparatus not to exceed \$260,000.00 with a place to indicate yes or no. He further informed all that in order to vote they must be a registered voter in Lower Township Fire District 2 and appear on the voters list at the last election.

Following the presentation by Conley, President Brown provided opportunity for anyone in attendance to ask questions relative to the capital questions. No one asked any questions.

Brown declared the voting open and made the paper ballots available to the Commissioners and the public. At 21:05 the balloting was closed by a motion by Andrews and seconded by Barger, voting yes, Andrews, Barger, Brown, Conley, and Prendergast; voting no, no one; abstaining, no one.

PUBLIC PORTION

Nothing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 21:08 hours by a motion by Prendergast and a second by Andrews.

Following the close of the meeting, the paper ballots were tallied with the following results:

Capital Question #1 - 29 votes in favor and 0 votes opposed.

Capital Question #2 - 29 votes in favor and 0 votes opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis H. Conley, Jr.
Secretary/Commissioner