

**Maurice River Township
Fire Commission, District #3
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey 08348**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
November 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Maurice River Township Board of Fire Commissioners District #3 was held on Tuesday evening, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Port Elizabeth Volunteer Fire Company at 7 Port Elizabeth-Cumberland Road, Port Elizabeth, NJ with social distancing in place. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Ewan. The following Commissioners were present: Glenn Ewan, Jackie Rascone, Jack Lafferty, Sr., Chief Rascone.

The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by Chairman Ewan who then led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The meeting was now opening to conduct business.

Minutes:

The minutes of October 5, 2021 regular meeting was presented for approval by the Commission.

Lafferty, Sr. made a motion to approve the minutes and Rascone 2nd
Ayes: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr., Nay: None Abstain: None

Roll Call: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr.

Chief's Report:

Chief Rascone gave his report as follows:

Total Calls for October 2021: Total 17 calls , 1 drill

Chief Rascone stated, October was very busy for us. We had a structure fire in Delmont that was very grim. I gave my guys a debriefing after the call.

Ewan asked Chief Rascone, are resources available in these types of situations?

Chief Rascone replied, yes. Cape May County has a program and all I have to do is call and they'll help us with any situation.

EMS

Chief Rascone stated, EMS calls are good. Everyone is wearing their PPE.

Lafferty, Sr. made a motion to approve the Chief's report and Rascone 2nd.

Ayes: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr., Nay: None Abstain: None

Roll Call: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr.

Correspondence

TD Bank Statement September 2021

TD Bank Statement October 2021

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Introduction of 2022 Budget – The budget will be sent to DCA and they will approve then we can adopt the budget for 2022.

Lisa will advertise the Synopsis of Audit

We received a resignation letter from Commissioner Nathaniel Jackson effective January 1, 2022. In his letter he advised us that his other commitments have become too great for him to be able to fulfill the requirements of his position on the Board of Fire Commissioners and he feels it is best for him to make room for someone with the time and energy to devote to the job. He also stated, it has been his pleasure being a part of the Board of Fire commissioners. He 's proud of what we have accomplished in the past year, and he has no doubt the Board will continue with successes in the future.

Ewan stated, It was sad to have received Commissioner Jackson's resignation. He's done such a great job. Ewan wished to publicly thank Commissioner Jackson. He's been an asset to this Board.

Lafferty, Sr. said, He will be missed.

Lafferty, Sr. motioned to accept and Rascone 2nd.

Ayes: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr., Nay: None Abstain: None

Resolution 2021-22:12 – Annual Audit of Accounts FY Ending December 2021

Lafferty, Sr. made a motion to approve and Rascone 2nd

Ayes: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr., Nay: None Abstain: None

Roll Call: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr.

Ewan informed, the 2022 Budget has increased for Supplies, SCBA Bottles and the EMS supply line will increase to \$3,000.00.

Tax Levy for 2022 is 16.4 cents. This is an increase of .02 cents from 2021 Budget.

Lafferty, Sr. made a motion to approve as introduced and Rascone 2nd

Ayes: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr., Nay: None Abstain: None

Roll Call: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr.

Ewan stated, the minutes were received from Melissa Ford on the New Jersey State Associations of Fire Districts Quarterly Meeting, September 17, 2021. The division requires all fire districts to have at least one official enrolled in the internet-based GovConnect network to receive Division and other state government information via e-mail. We are already setup and using this. Ewan informed that he had to setup a whole new email address just for their system, which is called FAST. Ewan also stated, it gave a list of all the 2022 Fire District Budget calendars.

Chief Rascone asked, Does the DCA dictate how much we raise our taxes?

Ewan answered, yes, DCA tells us. They have total control of what we can do. That's why we hired the Attorney in Tuckerton because he knows a lot about the DCA. Things are changing a lot faster than we are used to.

Good of the Commission

Reading of the Bills

Lisa Ferrari	Duties 2021	\$ 750.00
Bayshore Fire Training	2021 Fire Training	\$3,000.00
V.E. Ralph & Son, Inc	Defibrillator, carry case, infant/child key	\$1,538.50

Bill List

Lisa Ferrari	CK#1186 V#0875	Duties 2021	\$ 750.00
Bayshore Fire Training	CK#1187 V#0876	2021 Fire Training	\$3,000.00
V.E. Ralph & Son, Inc.	CK#1188 V#0877	FRX Defibrillator, carry case, infant/child key	\$1,538.50
		TOTAL	\$5,288.50

Motion to Pay Bills

Motion to pay the bills was made by Lafferty, Sr. and Rascone 2nd.

Ayes: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Roll Call: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report as of November 9, 2021	\$ 292,944.83	Balance November 1, 2021
	+ \$ 2.33	Interest Earned September 2021
	+ \$ 2.52	Interest Earned October 2021
	\$ <u>5,288.50</u>	Bills Paid November 9, 2021
	\$ 287,661.18	Balance November 9, 2021

Motion to receive the Treasurer's Report was made by Lafferty, Sr. and Rascone. 2nd.

Ayes: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr. Nays: None Abstain: None

Roll Call: Ewan, Rascone, Lafferty, Sr.

Open to the public

Present for public:

Call for Adjournment.

Lafferty, Sr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 and Rascone 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Lisa L Ferrari, Recording Secretary