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## **MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2010**

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was called to order by Commissioner JC Kenny at 7:00 P.M.

The Clerk read the "Open Meeting Act" requirements.

Comm. JC Kenny led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for departed members.

**ROLL CALL:** Comm. JC Kenny, Patrick Kenny, Howell, Gardner, Gould: Present.  
Attorney-Greg Goodman and Clerk-John Ur: Present.

**MOTION** to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of March 3, 2010, as written made by Comm. Patrick Kenny, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** Comm. Howell reported normal vacation time. No unusual absences, everyone is healthy.

**EQUIPMENT & PURCHASING:** Comm. JC Kenny reported that the engines will be going in for the annual p.m. Getting quotes on the storm damage to Engine 10. There may be some FEMA money available. Regular monthly janitorial supplies under purchasing. Capt. Golden is working on the sale of Engine 1-11.

**BUILDING & RADIOS:** Comm. Patrick Kenny reported that it was brought to his attention tonight by Comm. Gardner that someone complained about the back stairs. He will look into. Working on getting a mason contractor in to flip the concrete on the sidewalk and replace the concrete, once the town comes and removes the stump on the side of the building. All radios are operational. Still have problems with the pagers. Have been awarded the frequency for high band paging. In the beginning stages. Will get back to the Board.

**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:** Comm. Gould gave the reports for the month of March 2010 submitted by Fire Lt. Keith Repace, copies on file in the F.P.B.

**HYDRANTS:** Comm. Gould reported progress.

**LIAISON TO FIRE CO:** Comm. Gardner reported that there was a drill last night with the assistance of Capt. Foerch and the Chief. Good job. There may be two new members to join the volunteer fire company.

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**The report of PAYROLL and BILLS for March 2010:**

Payroll: \$291,742.00 Bills: \$796,547.35

**MOTION** authorizing checks for payroll and vouchers approved by the Board was made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould. Comm. Gardner voted no on bill #10155 for Genova Burns. **MOTION** to hold bill #10155 made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould. All in favor.

Comm. Gardner questioned the election expense going over the budget amount and asked that any additional bills be held until verified. John Ur will advise.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** as of April 7, 2010, read by Mr. Ur (see attached).

**MOTION** to accept the Treasurer's report as read by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** John Ur reported that all communications were passed on to the Board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Comm. Gould thanked Comm. Howell for stepping in for him on the preemption lights.

Comm. Gardner asked about a follow-up with regard to Mr. Mitch's election suggestions. Comm. JC Kenny asked the Clerk to look into the area that we seem to miss and asked Comm. Howell to look into better signs.

Comm. Gardner asked if the Birdsall's report was in. Comm. JC Kenny stated that he is waiting for report. He met with them and asked for a couple of things. They are recommending that the 40 + year old furnace be replaced, some lights could be changed, changing the wall unit and putting in a split unit. They are looking to present next month.

Comm. Gardner asked about the insurance consultant. Maria advised that our claims ratio is approximately 90% of the premiums. Comm. Gardner asked that it still be researched to get better prices.

Comm. Gardner had asked the attorney to look into the OPRA request that was made by the Home News & Tribune and to advise if it was public record. Attorney, Greg Goodman, will look into.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that District #2 has had some meetings with the town regarding the feasibility study. He has not received anything from the town, nor has he been asked to attend the meetings.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that he spoke with Birdsall and everything has been installed. The

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to PSE&G to change the meter over to a solar panel meter is in. The request for the BPU to do the inspection of the solar panel system is in. We have the rebate approval back from the State. Once it gets turned on, the check will be issued.

Greg Goodman requested a committee to work with him on updating the By-Laws. Comm. JC Kenny asked Comm. Gould and Comm. Howell to work with the attorney. The attorney reported that he and Comm. JC Kenny met with Senator Vitale with regard to updating Title 40A election. The Senator will look into and advise. Comm. JC Kenny reported that the Senator will find out why the County will not rent the machines and what kind of changes to fit within Title 19.

Greg Goodman reported that he and Comm. Patrick Kenny went to Arbitration on 3/30/10 with regard to the overtime grievance. Hope to have the Arbitrator's decision by the next meeting.

Greg Goodman reported that an ad was put in paper to sell 1-3-3. Received two bids. Opened the bids; Robert Ferrara \$858., Edward McGuinn \$2,800. The Kelly Blue Book value is between \$2,200. and \$3,000. **MOTION** to have the attorney review the bids and have him go with the highest bidder, made by Comm. Patrick Kenny, seconded by Comm. Howell. All in favor.

Greg Goodman reported that there will be discussions under Executive Session regarding resolution of issues with Employees #1536 & #1404.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that a Safety committee is needed. He will chair the committee and Comm. Howell will be the co-chair. **ROLL CALL VOTE** to approve the committee: Comm. Gould: Yes, Comm. JC Kenny: Yes, Comm. Patrick Kenny: Yes, Comm. Howell: Yes, Comm. Gardner: No.

Comm. Gardner asked for fairness on the committees. Asked to serve on the Safety committee, or be given Hydrants back. He doesn't feel that the committees are distributed properly. Comm. JC Kenny will look into and get back to him next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Comm. Patrick Kenny reported that the fiber optics cabinet in the watch room needs to be moved. It has to be done on a weekend and will take approximately 10 hours by two techs. **MOTION** not to exceed \$3,500. to move the cabinet made by Comm. Patrick Kenny, seconded by Comm. Howell. All in favor.

Comm. Gardner questioned the line item it will be paid out of. Comm. Patrick Kenny responded buildings.

Comm. Patrick Kenny asked Capt. Golden to look into a new tv to mount on wall in radio room. **MOTION** not to exceed \$800. to purchase a new tv to mount on wall in radio room, made by

Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould. Comm. Gardner opposed.

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Comm. Patrick Kenny reported an add-on bill from Motorola which has already been approved. The new consoles are up and running. Training will be conducted every day by Motorola. The trunking system will be tested in June or July, when switched over. **MOTION** to pay the bill when the check has been authorized to be drawn, made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould. All in favor.

Comm. Gardner asked that the Auditor submit the audit with sufficient time to review before the meeting to be accepted.

Greg Goodman asked that the contract for the new computer system be held. Comm. JC Kenny reported that he is looking at alternatives.

Comm. JC Kenny asked the Board to please submit their contract proposals to the Clerk's office via email. The attorney is coming to the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6 p.m.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that the Clerk gave an update on the new legislation regarding health benefits, pension, etc. Maria provided some details.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that the copier needs to be replaced. Lisa looked into the options. She recommends the C220 from Konica Minolta. It can be purchased outright for \$6,800. or a 5 year lease at \$154. a month, which would amount to approximately \$9,000. Xerox wanted \$267. a month. Comm. Gardner asked if State bid. Comm. JC Kenny reported that the State Contract # is not indicated. **MOTION** to purchase the C220 for \$6,800. as long as they have the State Contract #, made by Comm. Patrick Kenny, seconded by Comm. Howell. All in favor .

Comm. JC Kenny reported on the server for emails. Currently, the server we have cannot handle the volume that would be coming if we were to add emails. You would be able to access from anywhere. He has spoken to John Ur. They have heard about personal computers being subpoenaed and taken away under OPRA request law. Servers can be subpoenaed. Will have more answers next month.

Comm. Gardner asked if we should be copying Lisa instead of Maria with emails. Comm. JC Kenny stated that Lisa is on the firehouse network. Confidential information should be sent to Maria. Use your best judgment until it gets figured out. Hold off if you can.

**REMARKS, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Rob Foerch

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
March Calls	240	45

-4 calls into Port Reading.  
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-Thanked everyone who came out during the big storm; volunteers & careers. Especially thanked Tour 2.

-He spoke with Comm. Patrick Kenny regarding pumps and generators. Comm. JC Kenny is getting quotes. Will advise.

Comm. Gardner questioned the Disaster Fund. Comm. Patrick Kenny stated that he gave FEMA forms to Maria. FEMA came in and close to \$1 million in damage throughout township. Haven't set date yet for the public. Will sit with Maria next week to put all our forms together for overtime, etc. The President has declared us a disaster area.

Comm. Gardner stated that maybe we could reach out to Rich Kozub regarding grants.

Leonard Minkler asked about selling Engine 11. Comm. JC Kenny stated that the motor is about shot, cannot pass the pump test, the body is rotting away. The cost of maintaining is more than it's worth. Looking to sell and waiting for the recommendations from the committee on how the department should go forward. Engine 11 was used during the storm.

Bruce Horvath mentioned he has been cleaning the back room for elections for the last six or seven years. Asked the Board if they had any problems with him cleaning, setting up, taking down for elections. Comm. JC Kenny stated not that he knows of. Comm. Howell stated none. Comm. Gardner no comment. Asked Comm. Gardner why he voted no for him getting paid. Comm. Gardner no comment. Bruce Horvath stated that someone from the Board either provided someone else with information or sent information to the Attorney General's Office and Prosecutor's Office which ended up calling him in at work. It was said that he was working the election as janitor, had a Hazmat truck here, making telephone calls, and went to the Sewaren polling station. He finds that being here 24 years and busting his chops to help anyone here, it is deplorable and low to involve his job. It didn't affect his job, his bosses are backing him. It stated that he is getting a \$200. stipend to carry a pager and getting checks illegally from LOSAP. If he is getting checks illegally from LOSAP, the Board would then be in trouble for illegal doings. It is far reaching. It crossed the line, his job and family. Asked the Board to look into. He was hurt and offended and stabbed in the back. It came from the Board and he will be the Board's worst nightmare. He will push back. He will hire a lawyer.

Comm. JC Kenny stated this is the first time he is hearing about this.

Comm. Patrick Kenny asked the attorney to contact the Prosecutor's Office to get a copy. Comm. JC Kenny asked the attorney to get a copy and will review. Apologized if the Board did do anything and will be in contact with him and let him know if they find anything.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Comm. JC Kenny reported that there will be discussions with regard to personnel matters with

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Employees #1536 & 1404 and the Genova Burns issue.

**MOTION IN** by Comm. Patrick Kenny, seconded by Comm. Howell, all in favor at 8:00 P.M.

**MOTION OUT** by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor at 8:21 P.M.

Mr. Attorney reported that the Board is tabling the Genova Burns billing for one more month. Discussed matters with Employees #1536 & 1404.

No further business to come before the Board.

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Patrick Kenny, all in favor at 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Ur, Clerk

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THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT NO 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

07-Apr-10

PREVIOUS BALANCE 03/03/10	\$	3,284,493.02
DEPOSITS		20,013.03
PAYROLL AND RELATED TAXES		-265,952.56
CURRENT BILLS		<u>-796,547.35</u>
ENDING BALANCE 04/07/10	\$	<b>2,242,006.14</b>

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**WOODBIDGE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**MONTHLY BILL LIST**  
 April 7, 2010

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Voucher - Columbia Savings</b>				
3/09/2010	10086	Shred-It	Records Disposal	-236.16
04/01/2010	10087	Catherine Crowe	Reimbursement - Health Coverage March 2010	-762.20
04/01/2010	10088	JOHN TAKACS CONSTRUC...	Rent - 400 School Street & Back Garage - April 2010	-1,875.00
04/01/2010	TEPS	Division of Pension & Benefits	2010 PERS Annual Employer Appropriation	-4,580.00
04/01/2010	TEPS	Division of Pension & Benefits	2010 - PFRS Annual Employer Appropriation	-593,346.00
04/07/2010	10092	451 Degrees Inc	Portable Fire Extinguisher Serviced	-816.50
04/07/2010	10091	Alan Radio	Warranty repair - shipping cost	-60.00
04/07/2010	10090	AT&T	Long Distance - Clerk	-39.87
04/07/2010	10089	Bound Tree Medical LLC	Mask pocket RSQ 10/cs	-287.50
04/07/2010	10100	Comcast	2 - Digital Adapter Service Fee	-4.17
04/07/2010	10099	Fire Programs	Support and Service for One Year	-1,145.00
04/07/2010	10098	J.A.B Automotive Service Ce...	1999 Fird Expedition - Lube, Oil, Filter, replace battery	-200.00
04/07/2010	10097	Knot Just Bagels	Refreshments for Fire Election & Mayor's Breakfast	-1,194.35
04/07/2010	10096	Lowe's	Supplies	-164.96
04/07/2010	10095	Madsen & Howell, Inc	Supplies	-201.60
04/07/2010	10106	Nat Alexander Company Inc	12 - Scott AV - 3000 masks	-2,655.95
04/07/2010	10105	Occupational Health Services...	Review of OHSA quest & exam - Weber	-1,766.00
04/07/2010	10104	Perth Amboy Tire Service	2 - Tires for Truck #6	-1,016.56
04/07/2010	10103	Township of Woodbridge-Co...	Phone Bill - February 2010	-229.62
04/07/2010	10102	United Parcel Service	Account #XV0896	-1.88
04/07/2010	10101	Verizon	Clerk/CAD/Fire Alarm	-162.86
04/07/2010	10112	Bowco Laboratories Inc	Regular Service - March 2010	-35.00
04/07/2010	10111	Campbell Supply, Inc	Door handles l/r & door bezel	-344.86
04/07/2010	10110	Carpet Maven, L.L.C	Carpeting in Radio Room	-150.00
04/07/2010	10109	Elizabethtown Gas	Account #2164284700 - Firehouse	-2,073.90
04/07/2010	10108	Postmaster-Woodbridge	1 - Rolls of Stamps	-44.00
04/07/2010	10107	Standard Insurance Company	Life Insurance - Policy #136829	-3,129.28
04/07/2010	10118	Township of Woodbridge Se...	2010 SEWER USER FEE	-747.12
04/07/2010	10117	United Computer Sales & Ser...	Monthly Customer Service- March 2010	-582.00
04/07/2010	10116	Vision Service Plan	Vision Coverage April 2010 GRP# 120784800001	-1,179.80
04/07/2010	10115	Atlantic Tire & Service	2004 Dodge Durango - 4 New Tires	-483.60
04/07/2010	10114	Auto Parts of Woodbridge	Supplies	-91.98
4/07/2010	10113	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #9 - Electrical & Cab Repairs	-500.96
4/07/2010	10124	G.V.C. Chemical Corp	1 10 x 6 gold foam	-3,446.55
04/07/2010	10123	Image First	Laundry Service	-198.92
04/07/2010	10122	Owen S Dunigan & Co, Inc	New Moen cartridge & handle on basin faucet	-120.95
04/07/2010	10121	Robert R. Fizer	Reimbursement - NJ Uniform Fire Code Book - Fizer	-100.00
04/07/2010	10120	Stephen Weber	Reimbursement - NJ Uniform Fire Code Red Book - Weber	-100.00
04/07/2010	10119	TASC Fire Apparatus, Inc	1 gold g-xtreme pants shell & liner - R. Fizer	-255.10
04/07/2010	10130	Verizon	Landline	-34.06
04/07/2010	10129	Verizon Wireless	Account #585555042-00001 Cell Phones	-272.35
04/07/2010	10128	Woodbridge Exempt Firemen'...	Cost of 1/3 of Full Page Ad in Annual Exempt's Journal	-66.67
04/07/2010	10127	Woodbridge Fire Co No.1	Reimbursement - See invoice	-21,598.22
04/07/2010	10126	WOODBIDGE PRINTING	500 each Reg & window env. & letterhead	-333.04
04/07/2010	10125	Home News + Tribune	Account#076094 - Sale of Chev	-78.20
04/07/2010	10136	International Code Council, Inc	Code Books	-613.08
04/07/2010	10135	Joint Board of Fire Commissi...	2010 Annual Assessment	-10,000.00
04/07/2010	10134	Verizon Wireless - Laptop Mo...	Account #982554463-00001 - Laptop Modems	-842.90
04/07/2010	10133	Xerox Corporation	Account #072350267 Base Charge - February 2010	-54.76
04/07/2010	10132	Delta Dental Plan of NJ	Group # 1063-00001 04/01/2010 TO 04/30/2010	-9,477.94
04/07/2010	10131	AT&T	Long Distance - Clerk	-41.33
04/07/2010	10143	Avaya, Inc	#0100016876 Service Agreements	-447.72
04/07/2010	10142	Dorothy Wilcox	Reimbursement Health Benefits - March 2010	-419.88
04/07/2010	10141	John Ur	Monthly Fee - March 2010	-4,333.33
04/07/2010	10140	Middlesex County Fire Acade...	Firefighter II - R. Fizer	-200.00
04/07/2010	10139	Sophie Bader	Reimbursement Health Benefits - March 2010	-419.88
04/07/2010	10138	TASC Fire Apparatus, Inc	6 - Smith & Warreb Rhodium Hat Badge	-209.85
04/07/2010	10137	The Home Depot	Supplies	-170.90
04/07/2010	10144	Tom's Mower Repair	Trash Pump & Lawnmower Repairs	-394.05
04/07/2010	10145	Township of Woodbridge-Co...	Phone Bill - March 2010	-209.79
04/07/2010	TEPS	State of New Jersey- Health ...	Retiree Health Benefits April 2010	-12,833.35
04/07/2010	TEPS	State of NJ- Health Benefits ...	Health Benefits & Prescription Coverage - April 2010	-49,106.76
04/07/2010	10146	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #10 - Miscellaneous Repairs	-391.63
04/07/2010	10147	Global Products & Solutions, ...	Repair Bay Door #1	-227.95
04/07/2010	10148	Middlesex County Fire Acade...	Firefighting Operation at Apartments - M. Barcellona	-150.00
04/07/2010	10149	MIDDLESEX WATER COMP...	Hydrant Bill for Month Ending March 31, 2010	-35,860.60
04/07/2010	10152	Racz's Towing Inc	2003 Dodge Durango Towed to JAB	-75.00
04/07/2010	10153	Woodbridge Medical & Surgic...	Supplies	-119.94
04/07/2010	10156	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #9 - PM Service & Repairs & Truck #6 - Repair Seat	-2,389.55



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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
07/2010	10155	Genova, Burns, + Vernoia	Sick Time - Civil Service Inquiry	-895.72
04/07/2010	10154	Gregory Goodman, Esq	Professional Services Rendered - April 2010	-3,900.00
04/07/2010	10157	Life Insurance Company Of N...	Volunteer Life Insurance- Policy # GL-5474	-387.02
04/07/2010	10158	Elizabethtown Gas	Account #8116341423 - Back Garage	-187.72
04/07/2010	10159	Elizabethtown Gas	Account #8116341423 - Back Garage	-72.52
04/07/2010	10160	American Red Cross of Centr...	7 - CPR Cards	-35.00
04/07/2010	10161	Birdsall Services Group	Energy Audit - Final Balance Due	-3,500.00
04/07/2010	10162	G.V.C. Chemical Corp	1 Shipment Shine On	-2,757.24
04/07/2010	10163	Joshua Marcus Group	1000 Pill Boxes & 500 Fire Safety Bookmarkers	-1,677.00
04/07/2010	10164	TASC Fire Apparatus, Inc	Balance Due on Adjusted Bill - Paid on Feb 3, 2010	-295.75
04/07/2010	10165	American Red Cross of Centr...	35 - CPR Cards	-175.00
04/07/2010	10166	Joshua Marcus Group	Assorted Fire Safety Items	-4,637.84
04/07/2010	10167	Emergency Software Product...	Inspection System Maintenance Coverage 1/7/2010 - 1/6/2011	-500.00
04/07/2010	10168	Verizon	Landline - Solar Panel	-396.44
04/07/2010	10169	PSE&G	Electric - Firehouse	-1,293.42
04/07/2010	10170	PSE&G	Electric - 400 School Street & Back Garage	-133.75
Total Voucher - Columbia Savings				-796,547.35
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