

**MEETING OF MAY 5, 2010**

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was called to order by Commissioner JC Kenny at 6:10 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, Attorney-Eric Bernstein: Present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Comm. JC Kenny reported that there will be discussions with regard to 2011 contract negotiations.

**MOTION IN** by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor at 6:10 P.M.

**MOTION OUT** by Comm. Gould, seconded by Comm. Howell, all in favor at 7:21 P.M.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that during executive session there were discussions regarding negotiations with the Board and the Local. No formal actions. The committee will be chaired by Comm. Howell with Comm. Patrick Kenny as co-chair.

Comm. Gardner clarified that on page 3; 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph of minutes that he is in favor of a safety committee, but voted against the committee assignments and on page 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph that he suggested to talk to the township computer experts regarding contract. **MOTION** to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of April 7, 2010, as written made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Patrick Kenny, all in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PERSONNEL:** Comm. Howell reported that Employee #1374 was sent to our doctor and found to have more issues than thought. He will go to his doctor and then back to our doctor. The shifts are picking vacations. The employees met with the Clerk to discuss retirement. He will meet with the training officer to see if the new firefighters are ready for shifts. If so, postings will follow. **MOTION** to post job openings made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Patrick Kenny, all in favor.

**EQUIPMENT & PURCHASING:** Comm. JC Kenny reported monthly janitorial supplies. PM on the equipment is being done. Engine 1 is still on loan at Keasbey. Working with Capt. Golden on getting the final documentation needed for Engine 11 to go out for bid. PM on the trucks being

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done. The ladder truck is still at Campbells, waiting for door to come in.

**BUILDING & RADIOS:** Comm. Patrick Kenny reported normal janitorial supplies; linens, Bowco did their monthly services for pest control, O & S Dunigan cleaned sewer line from building to street due to sewer backup, the roof solar panels were approved by the township inspectors, Carpet Maven replaced carpet in radio room, Motorola has finished the installation of equipment in the new radio room and is up and running and everyone has been trained, tv was installed, AirTec did maintenance on air conditioner, received a complaint from Comm. Gardner regarding the back stairwell that someone complained to him, Comm. Patrick Kenny is looking into. The contractor for the sidewalk should be here within the next month. The town will take care of the stump. All radios are operational. The new pagers were delivered to the Woodbridge Police Headquarters and are being programmed. Will coordinate with the Chief and Capt. Golden. For the time being, basically a 2 pager system using a high band and low band. As soon as know that the high band is working, ask everyone to put their low band one in existing box that high band came in to be turned in to Capt. Golden to be turned in to Motorola for credit.

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

**HYDRANTS:** Comm. Patrick Kenny reported that in talking with the contractor and water company regarding the Motiva project, they have gone back to Conrail because they have found an unmarked gas line. Looking to go with a slide rail system instead of a steel sleeve. Sat down with the Fire Official regarding the Sterling Heights project and after reviewing the site plans, Fire Prevention has removed one of the hydrants from that project. The 8 inch water line will be a loop back into Berry St. and supplied by a 12 inch water main on Main St. This accomplishment will benefit the whole entire area. Met with the water company, Fire Official, Board of Education and the township regarding the W. Prospect area. In the process of helping the Board of Ed out with their underground water system which is constantly breaking and costing the Board of Ed money to fix. The proposed new line will come in off of Freeman St. during Phase 1. Phase 2 will take the 12 inch line and continue all the way up through the park to Adelaide Ave. At that time, will look for the water company to add an additional 8 inch line going down Norwood. The Fire Official brought to his attention to maybe abandon that system under the fire code because of new hydrants by stadium. The only concern Comm. Patrick Kenny had was that there is nothing by the office and propose the Board of Ed to bring a 12 inch line by the main one way entrance and put a hydrant there to cover the office and use the existing hydrant by the library. Have come to find out that the hydrant by the library is on the high school system too. So, now the new proposal is to bring a line from Freeman St., put a hydrant by the road that goes by the office to the library and continue with a 12 inch line to the road that goes to the health center and put two hydrants in those areas. Believes that the town has put money away to redo parking lots at the high school. In working with the town, the water company and everybody else, it should be a win/win for everyone. Comm. Patrick Kenny asked the Board to contact him or Comm. Gould with questions. Do not call the water company because it makes us look like fools; whose in charge, etc. Does not approve of someone contacting

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the water company behind his back. That is why we have committees with a chairperson and co-chairperson. We have potentially 4 major water projects going on that will help to better the area and the cleaning and lining will be done in the Sewaren area.

Comm. Gardner explained that he did speak with the water company awhile ago and advised that the committee was being transitioned and that Comm. Gould was now the new chairmen and asked about the status of the project. Doesn't see how that makes us look like fools. At that point, the water company stated that they were trying to obtain some maps from one of the engineering companies and Comm. Gardner offered his assistance. He asked about the Freeman St. source. Comm. Patrick Kenny explained. He, Comm. Patrick Kenny and Comm. JC Kenny discussed. Comm. Patrick Kenny stated that he called the water company when Comm. Gould was sick and explained that they were the new chairpersons. Comm. JC Kenny stated that the water company reached out and said they were confused about who was running the committee. He, as President, notified the water company of the changes after reorg. Comm. Gardner was not aware of that. Comm. Patrick Kenny stated that he had the hydrant fixed on Rte. 35 on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Comm. Gardner stated that was fixed before Comm. Patrick Kenny became chairperson as it was held up at the State, just like all the other things were happening before Comm. Patrick Kenny was on committee, and to listen to Comm. Patrick Kenny's speech about what he's done, "give me a break". Comm. Patrick Kenny stated that he takes offense. He has been running around for 3 weeks. He wants an apology. Comm. JC Kenny asked Comm. Gardner if the scope of the project is much different than when he was the committee person. Comm. Gardner stated no, we are trying to achieve the same principle. Comm. JC Kenny stated that if Comm. Gardner's sole purpose of the phone call to the water company was to inform them of the transitions, then that phone call should have been made back in March, not when Comm. Gould was ill. Comm. Gardner stated to check the minutes. Comm. JC Kenny stated that the minutes are a summary, not verbatim.

**SAFETY:** Comm. JC Kenny reported that there will be a meeting in May due to scheduling issues.

**LIAISON TO FIRE CO:** Comm. Gardner reported that he left a message with Mr. Kozub regarding the grants.

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

Payroll: \$219,107.75 Bills: \$447,313.34

**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 #10222. Comm. Gardner questioned bill #10217 to Auto Image for tint and remote start. Comm. Patrick Kenny stated it was charged to Fire Prevention for tinting the rear window of the Suburban. Should be charged to dedicated funds in Fire Prevention, not equipment and repairs.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** as of May 5, 2010, read by Mr. Ur (see attached).

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**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. Howell reported that he purchased 9 signs for the election, at \$21. each. Also, purchased a magnetic sign for outside door, for a total of approximately \$245.

Comm. Gould thanked Comm. Patrick Kenny and Comm. Gardner for their help with the water company. The preemption system is up and running except for one location. The unit is not compatible. Will get another unit. Joe Kogut received an award from the State for going into a fire without safety gear to help get people out. **MOTION** to give award from Fire District to Joe Kogut made by Comm. Gould, seconded by Comm. Howell, all in favor. Comm. Gould reported that he went to Columbia Bank and has given the grant applications to Capt. Golden.

Comm. Gardner reported that he was looking into local grants with Mr. Kozub. Comm. Gardner asked about the Birdsall study. Comm. JC Kenny stated that it's done and will make sure it gets to the Clerk's office via email and have the Clerk email to all commissioners. Comm. Gardner asked about the OPRAH request. Attorney, Greg Goodman, stated that it's a draft and cannot be disclosed to the public. Comm. Gardner asked about meeting with First Aid. Comm. Patrick Kenny will advise, hasn't met yet.

Comm. JC Kenny gave report on copiers; Xerox \$9,225. under State Contract #071823801, Conica Minolta \$7,660. under State Contract #GS-25F-00-30M, Canon \$6,219. under State Contract #A51144. All offer lease options which amount to more money. **MOTION** to purchase Canon copier under State Contract #A51144 and look to sell the old copier, made by Comm. Patrick Kenny, seconded by Comm. Howell, all in favor.

Comm. JC Kenny reported on computer system. He reached out to town. Town is not interested in interlocal because of JIF and what's going on with the exchange servers for security reasons. There are two other districts who use the same company and we can reach out to them. The hardware is under NJ State Contract #WSCA/NASPO (70262) for \$10,588. The software is \$16,962. The vendor is United Computer. This would be split between the general fund and the Fire Prevention Bureau's dedicated funds, since we share the system. Comm. Gardner questioned the splitting of dollar amounts. Greg Goodman read the NJ Statute. Comm. JC Kenny and Comm. Gardner discussed United Computer. Mike Esoldo reviewed quotes. Two other fire districts also use them. Comm. Gardner questioned the budget line items. **MOTION** to go forward with the purchase made by Comm. Howell, seconded by Comm. Gould, all in favor.

Comm. JC Kenny reported on the solar panel project. The town inspected and approved. PSE&G installed new meter. We are generating electricity. Due to staffing cut backs by the State, waiting for the BPU rep. to come out for the final blessing. The State will then cut us the check and work

on the correct date as to when the SRACS credits start from Hess.

Greg Goodman reported that he contacted the Prosecutor's Office regarding an anonymous complaint letter received. They would not provide the letter to him.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Comm. Patrick Kenny reported that he was contacted by Fire Marshall Gallagher on Tuesday regarding the overtime reimbursement from the 2008 Hess Drill that covered District #2. Comm. Patrick Kenny picked up the vouchers today. Should have the reimbursement by next week. Comm. Patrick Kenny reported that he met with FEMA on Tuesday. Now Fire Districts have to apply themselves for FEMA assistance. The form was given to Maria. She filled out and faxed to FEMA for reimbursement of the storm on 3/12 & 3/13.

Comm. Howell reported progress on the By-Laws. Will have report next month.

Comm. Gould thanked everyone for their support while he was out sick.

Comm. Gardner reported that he brought up the idea of explorers with the volunteers. Will review and advise. The volunteer company did not have any objection with regard to the discussion. Spoke about website advertising to recruit members at last volunteer meeting. Will work with computer consultant. Comm. Gardner asked Maria about JIF training notification. Comm. JC Kenny stated that we need to be more diligent. Comm. Patrick Kenny stated that they were notified by John Mitch in the spring about training at town hall. Comm. Gardner asked the Clerk's office to look into election account.

Comm. JC Kenny reported that someone had asked to purchase the laser printer. Maybe when we advertise the pumper, can also advertise the copier and printer.

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

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

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
April Calls	59	55
Y-T-D Calls	399	212

-3 calls into Port Reading.

-Will be scheduling 3 or 4 drills at the Fire Academy.

-Drill next Wednesday at 7 P.M. here. Firefighter from NY will be here.

Bruce Horvath - may be able to give the Board a copy of the anonymous letter. Asked if LOSAP was up for 30 days. Maria stated yes. Stated that Bill #10222 is for him, \$75. for his services. Bill

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#10223 is for Leahy. Bruce asked why Comm. Gardner approved Leahy and not him. Asked if he is doing a bad job. Comm. Gardner stated no comment last month. Bruce asked if it was personal last meeting and Comm. Gardner said yes and then no real quick. Believes that other commissioners heard it. Again, what is the problem. He deserves an answer. Comm. Gardner stated that was not what he said last month. He can go to the Clerk's office and listen to the tape. Comm. Gardner stated that the way Mr. Horvath addresses the Board is very inappropriate. Comm. Gardner has not disrespected him in public in any way. Doesn't believe that Mr. Horvath should be disrespecting the Board or anyone else. Remembers another Board member stating that Mr. Horvath would have been barred from attending meetings if he spoke to them in such a manner. Asked for the Board's support. Reiterated what Mr. Horvath said at last meeting per the minutes. Stating that it wasn't appropriate to discuss volunteers and possible illegal doings with LOSAP. Explained the LOSAP procedure. Comm. JC Kenny stated to get back to the question that Mr. Horvath asked Comm. Gardner. Comm. Gardner brought up the meeting where Mr. Horvath asked Comm. Gardner to give up his salary wherein Mr. Horvath said he would forego his salary as janitor and since that time, Comm. Gardner has voted against paying him for janitorial services.

Mr. Horvath stated that Comm. JC Kenny has just stated that the minutes are not verbatim. Comm. JC Kenny stated that is correct. It is a general summarization. The reason that the Board does not go with a stenographer is because of the extreme cost. Mr. Horvath stated that at that meeting, he did say he would give up his salary if Comm. Gardner gave up his. Mr. Horvath stated that he was viciously attacked. Someone went to his job. He did not go to Comm. Gardner's job. Comm. JC Kenny clarified that there is no proof that someone on the Board or in this room or anyone in the U.S. sent that letter. Comm. JC Kenny stated that Mr. Horvath stated that the information in the letter could only have come from within the Board because he watched the minutes and no one picked up a copy. Someone, within the letter, had a copy of the bill list with an arrow pointing to Mr. Horvath's name. Mr. Horvath said that he did mention that it did affect someone else, but he was not going to speak for that person. The information in that letter had to come from someone internally or supplied because the public could not have known any of that. He did bring up LOSAP because someone got credit for 147 calls and there is no way they went to 147 calls. Comm. Gardner stated again you are talking about the volunteer company and it's not appropriate. Comm. JC Kenny stated it's a public meeting. He can talk about anything. Comm. JC Kenny stated that if Mr. Horvath likes he can put in an OPRAH request and get a copy of the minutes. Mr. Horvath stated does he really need to go that far when we know where the problem is. Comm. Gardner stated be a man and state names. Comm. Gardner was not aware that Mr. Horvath saw the letter. He will listen to the tape again and will apologize if that is what Bruce said. Comm. JC Kenny asked the attorney to reach out to the County Council to see if they will give a copy of the letter.

Joseph Leahy stated that Mr. Horvath should be paid for his services rendered. Comm. JC Kenny stated that we are. Asked about the blue markings by the Vocational Tech. Comm. Patrick Kenny stated that they are putting a new sprinkler system in the park.

Mr. Horvath asked where the cuts were made by the township. Comm. JC Kenny stated that we

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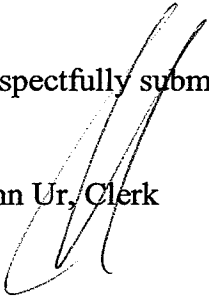
will have that information at next month's meeting.

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 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ur, Clerk



THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT NO 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

05-May-10

PREVIOUS BALANCE 04/07/10	\$ 2,242,006.14
DEPOSITS	16,923.15
PAYROLL AND RELATED TAXES	-248,190.14
CURRENT BILLS	<u>-447,313.34</u>
ENDING BALANCE 05/05/10	\$ 1,563,425.81



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# WOODBIDGE FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

## MONTHLY BILL LIST

May 5, 2010

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Voucher - Columbia Savings</b>				
05/15/2010	10171	Motorola	Radio Room Upgrade	-266,000.00
04/21/2010	10172	Electronics Expo.	40" LCD - Watch Desk	-774.99
05/01/2010	10173	Catherine Crowe	Reimbursement - Health Coverage April 2010	-762.20
05/01/2010	10174	JOHN TAKACS CONSTRUC...	Rent - 400 School Street & Back Garage - May 2010	-1,875.00
05/05/2010	10175	Bowco Laboratories Inc	Regular Service - April 2010	-35.00
05/05/2010	10176	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #10 - Chassis PM Service	-1,925.00
05/05/2010	10177	Comcast	2 - Digital Adapter Service Fee	-4.17
05/05/2010	10178	Delta Dental Plan of NJ	Group # 1063-00001 05/01/2010 TO 05/31/2010	-9,625.10
05/05/2010	10179	Dorothy Wilcox	Reimbursement Health Benefits - April 2010	-419.88
05/05/2010	10180	Elizabethtown Gas	Account #2164284700 - Firehouse	-1,025.97
05/05/2010	10181	Eric M. Bernstein & Associate...	Professional Services Rendered - 3/18/10 & 3/29/10	-350.00
05/05/2010	10182	Gregory Goodman, Esq	Professional Services Rendered - May 2010	-3,900.00
05/05/2010	10183	Hoboken University Medical ...	Employee Assistance Program - 2nd Qtr 2009-2010 Contract	-502.50
05/05/2010	10184	Home News + Tribune	Notices - Contracts Awarded/Special Meeting	-74.52
05/05/2010	10185	Image First	Laundry Service	-198.92
05/05/2010	10186	J.A.B Automotive Service Ce...	2003 Dodge Durango - Oil & Filter Change & Replace Pinion Seal	-129.50
05/05/2010	10187	John Ur	Monthly Fee - April 2010	-4,333.33
05/05/2010	10188	Life Insurance Company Of N...	Volunteer Life Insurance- Policy # GL-5474	-387.02
05/05/2010	10189	Lowe's	Supplies	-323.78
05/05/2010	10190	Madsen & Howell, Inc	Supplies	-26.91
05/05/2010	10191	Occupational Health Services...	Fit-Testing Physical	-91.00
05/05/2010	10192	Owen S Dunigan & Co, Inc	New Bearing Assembly on Circulator Pump for Heat	-745.22
05/05/2010	10193	Riggins Inc	Fuel	-1,409.91
05/05/2010	10194	Somerset County Emergency...	Firefighter II Prep Course - Fizer	-50.00
05/05/2010	10195	Sophie Bader	Reimbursement Health Benefits - April 2010	-419.88
05/05/2010	10196	Standard Insurance Company	Life Insurance - Policy #136829	-3,129.28
05/05/2010	10197	Staples	Supplies	-183.29
05/05/2010	10198	Survivor Fire & Security Syst...	Relocate Fire Alarm Panel	-1,275.00
05/05/2010	10199	TASC Fire Apparatus, Inc	1 - Black Diamond Leather Bunker Boots	-285.00
05/05/2010	10200	The Coffee Connection	12 - 5 Gallon Bottles	-72.00
05/05/2010	10201	Township of Woodbridge-Co...	Fuel Billing - March 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010	-1,965.69
05/05/2010	10202	United Computer Sales & Ser...	Monthly Customer Service- April 2010	-582.00
05/05/2010	10203	Verizon	Clerk/CAD/Fire Alarm	-176.88
05/05/2010	10204	Verizon Wireless	Account #585555042-00001 Cell Phones	-272.39
05/05/2010	10205	Verizon Wireless - Laptop Mo...	Account #982554463-00001 - Laptop Modems	-842.90
05/05/2010	10206	Vision Service Plan	Vision Coverage May 2010 GRP# 120784800001	-1,179.80
05/05/2010	10207	Xerox Corporation	Account #072350267 Base Charge - March 2010	-136.56
05/05/2010	10208	Campbell Supply, Inc	Engine #9 - Electrical Repairs & Deficiency List Repairs	-3,644.07
05/05/2010	10209	Madsen & Howell, Inc	Supplies	-899.71
05/05/2010	10210	Occupational Health Services...	Fit-Testing Questionnaires Reviewed & Physicals	-505.00
05/05/2010	10211	Campbell Supply, Inc	Truck #6 - Electrical Repair - Replaced PTO Pressure Switch	-517.91
05/05/2010	10212	MegaPath Inc	Account #1826573	-392.02
05/05/2010	10213	PSE&G	Account #6710272907 - Firehouse	-1,290.65
05/05/2010	10214	Staples	Supplies	-84.97
05/05/2010	10215	The Star Ledger	Account #XPALM6464469 - Notice of Sale - 1999 Chev Blazer	-231.52
05/05/2010	10216	PSE&G	Electric - 400 School St & Back Garage	-130.38
05/05/2010	10217	Auto Image & Security	2009 Suburban Tint Rear Section & Install a Remote Start	-329.98
05/05/2010	10218	MIDDLESEX WATER COMP...	Hydrant Bill for Month Ending April 30, 2010	-35,860.60
05/05/2010	TEPS	State of New Jersey- Health ...	Retiree Health Benefits May 2010	-12,833.35
05/05/2010	10219	National Fire Protection Asso...	Membership Renewal - 3 Years	-390.00
05/05/2010	10220	The Home Depot	Supplies	-68.32
05/05/2010	10221	Board of Fire Commissioners...	1st & 2nd Quarter 2010 Dispatch Service	-36,410.50
05/05/2010	10222	Bruce Horvath	Custodian - Board of Education Election - April 20, 2010	-75.00
05/05/2010	10223	Joseph Leahy	Custodian - Board of Education Election - April 20, 2010	-75.00
05/05/2010	TEPS	State of NJ- Health Benefits ...	Health Benefits & Prescription Coverage - May 2010	-47,676.26
05/05/2010	10224	AT&T	Long Distance - Clerk	-37.21
05/05/2010	10225	Emergency Software Product...	NJ Uniform Fire Code Update	-250.00
05/05/2010	10226	MAUREEN COMITO	To Replenish Petty Cash	-120.30
Total Voucher - Columbia Savings				-447,313.34
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-447,313.34</b>