



Cherry Hill Board of Fire Commissioners

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MINUTES SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2022

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting was posted on the Fire District and Township of Cherry Hill bulletin board designed for that purpose. Notice was published in the official newspapers on November 23, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Public meeting call to order at 19:00 hours .

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

DORAN	PRESENT
KELLY	PRESENT
LIPSETT	PRESENT
MCCARGO	PRESENT
MULHOLLAND	PRESENT

Also in Attendance: Fire Chief Callan, AFC Houlihan, AFC DeLucca, CFO Foley and PSA Fiorentini.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Fire Chief Callan and CFO Foley gave the Board an overview of the proposed 2023 budget. The Fire Chief distributed two copies of the Majors sheet, one indicating no tax increase and one indicating a 2% tax increase along with an updated line item budget. CFO Foley explained that the major increases in the proposed budget are mainly for the increase in pensions and health insurance. CFO Foley advised the Board that the tax ratable figure for 2023 was essentially flat. The Fire Chief and the CFO both suggested the Board increase the 2023 budget by 2% to help offset the increases in pensions and health insurances. Fire Chief Callan reminded the Board that both financial consulting firms that worked with the Board, PFM and Matrix, both recommended that the Board reduce costs and take advantage of the 2% tax increases to help stabilize the Fire District's finances.

Discussion continued on FF and EMT staffing in the 2023 budget, the proposed budget provides for the replacement of 20 firefighters due to attrition and the addition of 5 new fulltime EMT's. The consensus of the Board was to continue with the four man staffing

currently in place at the two ladder companies and the Squad Company into 2023.

AFC Houlihan and EMS Captain Allen explained the status of the EMS units and the increase in call volume that they have been experiencing; discussion continued on the amount of EMS responses to senior citizen complexes and what could be done to help reduce that call volume.

AFC Delucca gave the Board an overview of the 2023 Capital Expense Plan, which will include the purchase of a new pumper and two light duty vehicles for a cost of 1.3 million dollars. The public hearing on this proposal will take place at the December 6th Board meeting.

The consensus of the Board was to direct the Fire Chief and CFO to adjust the proposed budget to include a total of 64 firefighters and include a 2% tax increase.

At the conclusion of the meeting, PSA Fiorentini distributed to each Board member a copy of a memorandum from Attorney Saginario regarding the proposal from the cell tower company. This proposal will be discussed with the Attorney at the December 6th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

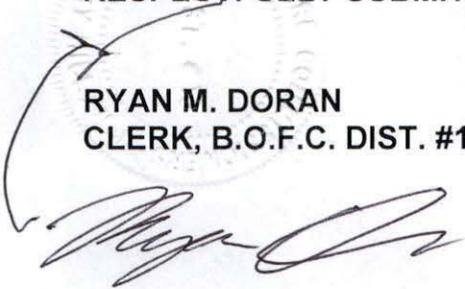
None

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner Doran to adjourn meeting at 19:58 hours. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

**RYAN M. DORAN
CLERK, B.O.F.C. DIST. #13**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Doran', is written over a faint circular official seal. The signature is written in a cursive style.