

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

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The Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners Township of East Amwell District #1 was called to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Chairman Ward, Vice Chairman Fisher, Treasurer Chiesa, Secretary Jason and Commissioner LaRowe. This meeting was held at the Amwell Valley Fire House, John Ringo Road, Ringoes. Also present was Chief Babinski and Auditor Schreck.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chairman Ward announced that notice of this regular meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board at the Amwell Valley Fire House and forwarded to the Township Clerk and Hunterdon County Democrat on December 18, 2014.

MINUTES of the December 10, 2014 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Mr. Chiesa, second by Mr. LaRowe and unanimous favorable vote.

Minutes of the December 22, 2014 special meeting were approved as presented on motion by Mr. LaRowe, second by Mr. Chiesa and unanimous favorable vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT as attached and hereby made part of the minutes of this meeting was reviewed and accepted for filing on motion by Mr. Fisher, second by Mr. LaRowe and unanimous favorable vote.

Reports of Receipts, Encumbrances and Disbursements as attached and hereby made part of the minutes of this meeting were reviewed.

TEMPORARY BUDGET: The following Resolution was adopted on motion by Mr. Chiesa, second by Mr. Fisher and unanimous favorable vote.

Resolution

WHEREAS N.J.S.A.40A: 14-1et. Seq. authorizes the adoption of a Temporary Budget within the first thirty days of January to cover expenses from the beginning of the fiscal year until the adoption of the permanent budget by the legal voters of the fire district, which is scheduled for February 21, 2015, and

WHEREAS the total of the appropriations of the temporary budget may not exceed 14% of the total of the appropriations made for all purposes in the 2014 budget exclusive of appropriations for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners Township of East Amwell District #1 that the following appropriations constitute the Temporary Budget for 2015

Election	\$	400.00
Professional Services		2,000.00
Advertising		150.00
Insurance		8000.00

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Maintenance and Repair	7700.00
Rent	2250.00
Supplies	200.00
Training and Education	300.00
Uniforms	3000.00
Health and Safety	2000.00
Utilities	2000.00
Purchase of Equipment	5000.00
Total	33000.00

BILLS as listed on the Disbursement sheet attached and hereby made part of the minutes totaling \$31,628.14 for 2014 and \$3,362.65 for 2015 were approved for payment on motion by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Fisher and unanimous favorable vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received Email approval of the Budget from State.

OLD BUSINESS: -

2015 Budget: Mr. Jason noted that approval has been obtained from the Division of Local Government Services for adoption of the budget with no changes.

Being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed on motion by Mr. Fisher, second by Mr. LaRowe and unanimous favorable vote.

The 2015 Budget Resolution as attached and hereby made part of the minutes of this meeting was adopted on motion by Mr. Jason, second by Mr. Fisher and unanimous favorable roll call vote. The budget will now be presented to the voters at the February 21, 2015 annual Fire District Election for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chiefs Report: The Chief requested the following items.

1.6 mask bags	\$120.00	Uniforms
2.10 Pair gloves	\$280.00	Uniforms
3. 5 pagers	\$2,000.00	Uniforms
4. 1.75" hose	\$570.76	Equipment

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Motion to approve requests by Mr. Chiesa, second by Mr. LaRowe and unanimous favorable vote.

Public Comments: Being no Public comments motion was made to close public portion by Mr. Fisher, second by Mr. LaRowe and unanimous favorable vote.

Commissioners Comments: None

Being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned @ 7:50 on motion by Mr. Fisher, second by Mr. LaRowe and unanimous favorable vote.

Robert J Jason Secretary