

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3 TOWNSHIP OF LOWER

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 3 Township of Lower was held on October 25, 2011 at the Erma Fire House, County Airport, Erma, New Jersey, with the work session commencing at 7:30pm. The meeting was opened with a flag salute. Reading of the open Public Meeting Act, all exits were acknowledged; roll was called; all Commissioners were present except Commissioner VanMourik.. Solicitor Tourison and Chief Muller were present . Art Hayden from fire department was present along with Nels Johnson and Fred Hober representing Eastern Energy Services..

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved on motion of Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner G. Douglass.

TREASURER'S/BILLS PRESENTED REPORT

The Treasurer's report was approved on motion of Commissioner S. Douglass and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. Bills, as presented were approved of motion of Commissioner S. Douglass and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy.

CORRESPONDENCE/PLAN REVIEWS

Received Losap Statement, Received VFIS claim statement for Robert Post, Received letter from County Clerk about mail in ballots for fire election. Received statement from Wells Fargo.

BUREAU NEWS

Commissioner Lepor distributed 2012 draft budget for Fire Bureau.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Solar Energy- Nels Johnson and Fred Hober attended meeting to discuss and present the Board with a Term Sheet to Install Solar Energy System.**
 - a. no cost to the district for equipment or installation.**
 - b. we will see a reduced electric rate to .09 per kWh (currently .17 per kWh)..**
 - c. 15yr contract at which point we will have option to terminate service and have it removed by the company at no charge, buy for market value, extend term, terminate and equipment be abandoned for our disposal or use.**
 - d. solar panels have a 25 yr warranty.**
 - e. life expectancy is approximately 50 years.**
 - f. zero maintenance cost to district.**
 - g. solar panels may be built on grass field adjacent to firehouse.**

On motion by Commissioner Kennedy and Seconded by Commissioner Lepor with all in favor the Board opened to talk with representatives from Eastern Energy Services. After a lengthy discussion the Board on motion of Commissioner Kennedy and Seconded by Commissioner G. Douglass and with a roll count vote with Commissioner VanMourik absent the Board authorized the signing of the Term Sheet from Eastern Energy Services to pursue solar energy with a non-binding agreement.

- 2. Fire truck purchase – Delayed at factory by International, they know that it will incur penalties from us.**
- 3. New tables for hall – waiting for a second quote.**
- 4. Landscaping of property-still waiting for quotes.**

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

Comments by the Chief

Chief Muller presented to the Board that the repeater needs to be replaced in the Villas and they are looking for all Fire Districts to contribute funds.

Comments by the Public

On motion by Commissioner Kennedy and Seconded by Commissioner S. Douglass the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Meeting notes were prepared and submitted by Commissioner S. Douglass.