

Minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2023

W. Minner opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the flag salute

W. Minner read the Sunshine Law and stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by advertising it in the Courier Post.

Roll Call: G. Emmett, J. Atkinson, E. Steiner, W. Minner, P. Knast

Motion made by P. Knast seconded by E. Steiner to accept minutes of the last meeting.

APPROVED

Outgoing Communication: None

Incoming Communication:

E. Steiner reports getting 2 registrations for fire vehicles and a letter from Holcomb about the missing pager and his willingness to pay for it.

Solicitors Report: D. Carlamere has resolutions for us to adopt tonight.

Motion made by W. Minner seconded by J. Atkinson to adopt the resolution for the Commissioners salaries for 2024.

Roll-Call Vote: G. Emmett yes, E. Steiner yes, J. Atkinson yes, W. Minner yes, P. Knast yes

Motion made by W. Minner seconded by P. Knast to pass a resolution adopting Chapter 159 allowing us to move grant money (\$399,081.81) into our budget.

Roll-Call Vote: G. Emmett yes, E. Steiner yes, J. Atkinson yes, W. Minner yes, P. Knast yes

Motion made by G. Emmett seconded by W. Minner to pass a resolution to exceed the property tax levy referendum (\$80,000.00 / 22% increase) which is to be raised by taxation. This has to be publicized and a public hearing (Dec. 12, 2023) before the election.

Roll-Call Vote: G. Emmett yes, E. Steiner yes, J. Atkinson yes, W. Minner yes, P. Knast yes

Motion made by E. Steiner seconded by J. Atkinson to pass a resolution to authorize the N.J. State (\$75,000.00) grant money application.

Roll-Call Vote: G. Emmett yes, E. Steiner yes, J. Atkinson yes, W. Minner yes,
P. Knast yes

Motion made by W. Minner seconded by E. Steiner to pass a resolution to change over the certificate of deposit with Haddon Savings & Loan.

Roll-Call Vote: G. Emmett yes, E. Steiner yes, J. Atkinson yes, W. Minner yes,
P. Knast yes

Fire Chiefs Report: On File.

Fire Officials Report: On File.

Insurance Report: W. Minner met with Rick Bean to sign off on documentation and we got a copy of our liability insurance.

Deferred Business: None

New Business: G. Emmett reports getting a form to sign if we wanted them to do our 2024 budget.

Motion made by G. Emmett seconded by J. Atkinson to have Bowman & Co. do our 2024 budget. APPROVED

Motion made by E. Steiner seconded by P. Knast to pass a resolution for the introduction of our 2024 budget (\$600,757.33 which includes \$442,600.00 to be raised by taxation).

Roll-Call Vote: G. Emmett yes, E. Steiner yes, J. Atkinson yes, W. Minner yes,
P. Knast yes

E. Steiner reports getting prices for new commissioner chairs \$190.70 each / total \$1,525.60.

Motion made by E. Steiner seconded by W. Minner to purchase the new chairs. APPROVED

Motion made by W. Minner seconded by E. Steiner to have Holcomb pay \$50.00 a month until pager is paid for. APPROVED

Treasurers Report: On File

Motion made by J. Atkinson seconded by W. Minner to pay the bills of the evening in the amount of \$61,600.91.

APPROVED

Public Request: None

Motion made P. Knast seconded by J. Atkinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED

Respectfully Submitted

John Atkinson Jr.
Clerk
Board of Fire Commissioners