

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2021 CAPITAL ITEMS

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Montgomery Township, Somerset County gives notice of a Public Hearing on capital expenditures pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14 et seq. and the regulations of the N.J. Department of Community Affairs. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Montgomery Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 firehouse on 35 Belle Mead-Griggstown Road, Belle Mead, N.J. Persons unable to attend the hearing may comment on the proposals by email to the BOFC at chairman@montgomerybofc1.org or by mail at Montgomery Township BOFC District 1, P.O. Box 130, Belle Mead, N.J. 08502.

The BOFC proposes the following capital expenditures for the FY 2021 budget:

An amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the purchase of a utility truck. The truck will provide necessary tools and equipment at emergency scenes and transport personnel for assignments pertaining to the fire district. The new truck will replace a vehicle that is 20 years old and requires extensive repairs.

An amount not to exceed \$70,000.00 for the purchase of an emergency generator to provide back-up electric power to the fire station. The generator will provide emergency power for the fire station in the event of a loss of power so that emergency operations can continue without interruption. The new generator will replace an outdated system which is need of repair and modernization.

An amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the purchase of a turnout gear laundry remediation system and the installation of said system. The system, consisting of a commercial grade washer and dryer, is capable of cleaning multiple sets of Personal Protective Equipment simultaneously, removing debris and toxins which accumulate as a result of fire suppression activities.

The total of the proposed capital expenditures is \$200,000.00. The monies necessary to accomplish these purchases are available in the BOFC's unrestricted capital fund. The expenditures will not require debt or borrowing and will not increase the fire tax rate.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing the Board of Fire Commissioners intends to consider the approval of the purchase of the above items and inclusion of a line item in this amount in the FY 2021 budget.

Michael Parise, Clerk of the Board