

Minutes

The second of two 2021 Budget Workshop Meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 2 was held on the above date at the Lenola Fire House. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Wesolowski.

Five Commissioners were present. Also, in attendance were Chief Grant, F.O. Orsini, Battalion Chief DiPaolo and Administrator Knobbs.

Wesolowski identified the emergency exits, indicated the front door was opened to the public and opened the meeting by reading the following statement in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act":

This meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 2 of The Township of Moorestown is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975. Pursuant to the "Act", on February 6th, 2020 the required notice was transmitted to the *Burlington County Times*.

Additionally, the required notice was posted on the bulletin board, reserved for such notices, in the lobby of the Town Hall, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057, on the bulletin board of the Moorestown Municipal Library, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057 and on the bulletin board of the Lenola Fire House, 229 North Lenola Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057 and filed with the Clerk of the Township of Moorestown on this date.

Lastly, written notice was posted on the official website, MoorestownFireDistrict2.com on February 6th, 2020 and mailed to each person who has requested copies of the schedule of meetings.

An affidavit certifying that the aforesaid delivery and posting of notices was prepared and signed by the Administrator.

Wesolowski called for a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for our departed members.

2020 Budget

President Wesolowski stated that tonight's presentation should be shorter. He noted that we don't have an A/V presentation tonight, but we would review the sections that had changed and he would open the floor to any questions/comments at each section. He then turned the meeting over to Administrator Knobbs to review the budget.

Administrator Knobbs stated that there were no revisions to the budget since our last meeting. Knobbs handed out budget binders to each of the commissioners containing the 2021 Budget. Knobbs directed the commissioners to section 7 in the binder. The first page was a budget summary. He noted that the amount to be raised by taxation shows a decrease of 1.9%. He further noted that this is based on the budget numbers for pensions etc. that were based off of rates that he

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received verbally but have not yet been formally published. He does not expect and great variations and that the budget numbers for the reserves would be adjusted to reflect any changes that would occur to keep out current amount to be raised by taxation at a final rate of 9.7 cents per hundred. He then directed the commissioners to the last page of section 7 that shows the 2021 budget analysis vs the 2020 budget. He reviewed each item. He then directed the commissioners to the tax rate analysis and reviewed how we arrived at the 9.7 cents per hundred. On the average home value, the average taxpayer would have a decrease of \$10.57.

Knobbs then discussed the budget/election time line. Knobbs stated that the state has not yet released their official document, but he has arrived at the dates shown using the statutory requirements for same.

There were no items for Old or New Business.

Meeting opened to the public:

There being no further questions or comments from the public, this portion of the meeting was closed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, by Proper Action, meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen W. Knobbs
Board Administration