# Board of Fire Commissioners LINDENWOLD FIRE DISTRICT No.1 Monthly & Year-End Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 

February 20, 2024

**Meeting Place:** 

Fire Administration Building

Meeting Called To Order:

7:30pm

**Members of Board Present:** 

Chairman - Richard Paul

Vice Chairman - Tamara DeLucca

**Treasurer** – Wayne Hans **Secretary** – Frank Weindel

Commissioner - Richard E. Roach III

**District Clerk** – Tiffany Beach **Solicitor** – David Capozzi

#### Salute the Flag

#### Sunshine Law - Comm. Paul

In accordance with the NJ Sunshine Law this meeting Notice of this meeting has been duly advertised in compliance with the provisions of the open public meetings law. Please be advised that this meeting will be recorded for possible later playback.

#### **Roll Call Commissioners**

All present.

#### Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. DeLucca seconded by Comm. Weindel to approve the January 16th Board meeting minutes as they are available to the public upon request. Any questions? (hearing none) All in favor, ayes have it.

#### Correspondence - Cl. Beach

Cl. Beach: I have a letter here from Solicitor Capozzi stating he will not be renewing his contract with the District in 2024.

#### Treasurer's Report - Comm. Paul

As of February 20, 2024	
TD Bank General Checking	151,838.90
TD Bank Money Market Account	1,190,017.64
TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,570.46
TD Bank Payroll Checking	8,773.39
TD Bank LEA Dedicated Penalty	5,578.36
TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	15,059.45
Investment NJ ARM	2,038,592.64
Petty Cash	200.00
Total Current Assets	3,412,630.84

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. DeLucca to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, all yes.

#### Payment of Bills - Comm. Paul

Comm. Hans: In front of you, you have a list of 58 bills totaling \$47,496.16

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. DeLucca to approve the payment of bills.

Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, all yes.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Administration / Personnel - Comm. DeLucca

No report.

#### Office of Fire Prevention – Fire Official Shannon

Comm. DeLucca: Fire Official's report for January 17, 2024 – February 20, 2024 was read aloud, a copy is attached to 1 the minutes.

#### Fire Department Equipment - Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: Air packs were flow tested.

#### Turn-Out Gear - Comm. Paul

**Comm. Paul:** We will be ordering new gear for the members who have completed their probationary period. We will also be issuing a new helmet to the member who's was damaged in the fire.

#### Apparatus - Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: All the trucks are in service with no issues.

Recruitment / Membership - Comm. Roach

Fitness Center - Comm. Roach

No report

No report

#### S.O.G.'s - Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We are in the process of getting all of the SOG's updated.

#### Future Projects- Comm. Paul

**Comm. Paul**: Once we get the certified election results we will be moving forward with the timeline provided to us by Phoenix Advisors & Parker McCay.

Communications - Comm. DeLucca

Computers - Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Comm. DeLucca: B1's computer was fixed.

Assist Personnel – Comm. DeLucca

Budget - Comm. Hans

No report

No report.

Fixed Assets - Comm. Hans

Hydrants/ Water - Comm. Hans

No report.

No report.

Building Maintenance / Grounds - Comm. Hans

Health & Safety - Comm. Hans

No report.

No report.

Insurance - Comm. Roach

Incentive Program - Comm. Weindel

No. report.

No report.

#### **Uniforms - Comm. Weindel**

Comm. Weindel: Action moved offices from Maple Shade to Cherry Hill.

Training- Comm. Weindel

Fuel - Comm. Weindel

No report.

No report.

#### Chief's Report - Chief Beeler

Chief Beeler: 64 runs for last month. February 9<sup>th</sup> there was a fire in Arborwood. 2 firefighters were injured. 1 was treated & released the other spent 4 days in the hospital & was released. Mandatory training is underway. We have one member in fire school.

### President's Report - Comm. Paul

N/A

#### Borough of Lindenwold - Councilman Morrisey

**Comm. Paul**: I will have to check with the Clerk & get back to you.

#### Solicitor - D. Capozzi

**D. Capozzi**: You received my letter that I will unfortunately not be renewing my contract with the District. I would like to thank you all & I wish you all the best of luck. I am going to focus more on myself & some other projects.

#### Old Business – Comm. Pau

Comm. Paul: Any old business? (hearing none)

#### New Business - Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: Any new business? (hearing none)

Comm. Paul: Mr. Councilman, when the public requests information could you please direct them to the Board please.

#### Public Portion - Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. Hans, seconded by Comm. Weindel to open to the public. All in favor, ayes have it.

Frank DeLucca 817 Ashbourne Ave: Thank the residents for coming out to vote. Unfortunate that only 20 came out to vote. No sample ballot seen with Fire District elections. If we switch to November it would be seen. Much respect to Richie. Mr. DeLucca states he's been in this town forever and have relationships with many members here on the board and the department. He sees directions the neighboring towns & how they are moving in the direction at moving towards career departments. I've counted over 25 men who started here & are now career guys. How do we make space for them? That's my goal.

John Honer: 148 Patricia Lane in Lindenwold. I grew up on Jefferson Ave in Lindenwold. I was a volunteer at No.1 when I was 16 (1972). Mr. Honer worked at the borough for the highway department while volunteering & worked his way up the ranks to chief 1985- 1988. He was instrumental with establishing the Fire District, which ended up in superior court to establish due to politics. When Mr. Honer was chief a goal was to consolidate No.1 & No.3, reduce duplication of apparatus, & bolster membership. Mr. Honer then mentions many of his mentors who have helped him & also mentions people who he has mentored. Honer mentions a new modern firehouse to meet ADA handicap requirements, parking spaces to accommodate all parts of the building, bathrooms, showers lockers, a firefighter decon station, offices, and bunk rooms.

Mr. Honer mentions he was the first District Fire Marshal. The new building will give the FM office adequate office space. Mr. Honer then congratulated new Commissioner elect & wishes him luck.

Motion made by Comm. Roach, seconded by Comm. Weindel, to close to the public. All in favor, ayes have it.

#### Resolutions - Comm. Paul

N/A

#### Open to Commissioners - Comm. Paul

Commissioners thanked Dave for the time that he spent here and all of the help that he has done for the District & thank Richie for being a great commissioner & wish them well.

Comm. Paul: I was in contact with both firefighters who were hurt. I was away.

**Comm. Roach:** Thank you for everyone who came out to support me & the new building. I wish you all the best & to Frank congratulations and good luck.

#### Closed Session - Comm. Paul

N/A

#### Adjourn - Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. DeLucca seconded by Comm. Roach to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm.

Any questions? (hearing none) All in favor, ayes have it.

## Lindenwold Fire District No.1 Balance Sheet

As of February 20, 2024

	Feb 20, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · CASH	
1011 · TD Bank Money Market Acco	1,190,017.64
1013 · TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,570.46
1015 · General Checking 3	151,838.90
1016 · Investment NJ ARM	2,038,592.64
1020 · TD Bank Payroll Checking	8,773.39
1030 · TD Bank LEA Dedicated Pen	5,578.36
1040 · TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	15,059.45
1090 · Petty Cash	200.00
Total 1000 · CASH	3,412,630.84
Total Checking/Savings	3,412,630.84
Total Current Assets	3,412,630.84
TOTAL ASSETS	3,412,630.84
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

## FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

02/20/2024 January 17, 2024 to February 20, 2024

## **Inspections Completed:**

Advanced Scale New Red Apple Chinese Queen Nails National Furniture Family dollar Store Laurel Hill Apartments Laurelwood Liquors Clementon Grocery **Stonington Court Apartments Beauty Mart** Mexico Lindo Store Gino's Pizza **Elegant Nails** Storage Box Lighthouse Church Oak Run Apartments Bethany Harvest ¼ inspection

Georgetown Condo's Clean Machine Laundry Dreamworld Furniture Save-a-Lot Lindenwold Beauty Oak run Apartments A-1 Hollywood Braiding **Tobacco Outlet** Clementon Family Camden county Council **A&H African Rest Exclusive Barber** U-Haul Mary Beauty Supply Clean Energy Bethany Sanctuary 1/4

## **Re-Inspections:**

El Rodeo Gift Shop 622 S. WHP LLC Spectra Care unit B 777 Business Condo's Christ Community Church Bethany Church Canal's Discount

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Nutrition Today
Spectra Care unit C
Don Tequila Bar
Carlton Rouh Building
Best Price Auto
Shir Laxminaryand Temple

## **Complaints Received 0**

#### **Imminent Hazard 0**

## **Requested Response 3**

02/09/2024 Arborwood Apartments 511 Gibbsboro Road (Apartment Fire) 02/15/2024 Emerald Ridge Apartments 101 Gibbsboro Road (Apartment Fire) 02/18/2024 Arborwood Apartments 511 Gibbsboro Road (Vehicle Fire)

## **Civilian Burn Report 0**

## **Firefighter Injury Report 2**

02/09/2024 Arborwood Apartments (Burn Injury) 09/09/2024 Arborwood Apartments (Cardiac Issue)

#### Permits 0

Fire Report Requests: 0

### **Information to Fire District Commissioners:**

If any resident is in need of a smoke alarms, this office will install free of charge. We started doing our 2024 fire inspections. Mike and Stephen will be attending the IAAI convention at the end of the month. We received our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter rebate life hazard check from the state for \$5,657.93. This office responded to the 3 fire investigations this month.

Yours in Fige Safety

Timothy Shannon

Fire Official

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February 19, 2024

Richard Paul, Chairman Board of Commissioners Lindenwold Fire District No. 1 801 Scott Avenue Lindenwold, NJ 08021

RE: Fire District Solicitorship

Dear Chairman Paul and Commissioners,

As you are aware, my appointment as Fire District Solicitor will expire at the end of this month. Please be advised that I will not be seeking reappointment as Lindenwold Fire District Solicitor for the upcoming year.

I would like to thank the Board for the opportunity you afforded my office to assist the Fire District in its mission to provide public safety service to the Lindenwold community, over the past several years. It has been a pleasure working with each of you, and I sincerely wish the Fire District success in its future endeavors.

Please contact my office with any questions.

Best Regards,

DAVID A. CAPO

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