

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

Meeting Date: July 15, 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 -excused
Commissioner – Frank DeLucca
District Clerk – Tiffany Beach- excused
Solicitor – Jeffrey Catalano

Salute the Flag

Prayer

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

Comm. Hans, T. DeLucca, F. DeLucca and Paul are present. Comm. Weindel is excused.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. Has seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca to approve the June 17, 2024 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

N/A

Treasurer's Report – Comm. Hans

As of July 15, 2024

TD Bank Money Market Account	1,244,617.08
TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,571.00
TD Bank General Checking	272,075.95
Investment NJ ARM	2,083,246.19
Building NJ ARM	10,499,519.07
TD Bank Payroll Checking	16,964.21
TD Bank LEA Dedicated Penalty	5,578.36
TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	15,062.49
Petty Cash	200.00
Total Current Assets	14,139,834.35

Motion made by Comm. Weindel seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.
Any questions? (hearing none) Roll call vote, all yes.

Payment of Bills – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: In front of you, you have a list of 52 bills totaling \$192,715.62

Motion made by Comm. T. DeLucca seconded by Comm. F. 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 June 16, 2024– July 15, 2024 was read aloud, a copy is attached to the minutes.

Fire Department Equipment – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: I ordered a stand for the rescue tools more efficiently. Just waiting for it to come in.

Turn-Out Gear – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: All gear is okay.

Apparatus – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: The Engine broke down at a fire we recently had. We had it towed and repaired. The Ladder is out getting a valve body replaced. That should be back soon. The Squad needs to have the AC fixed. The Support went to Echelon Ford to have a recall fixed. The Squrt was sending codes and was serviced.

Recruitment / Membership – Comm. F. DeLucca

No report.

Fitness Center – Comm. F. DeLucca

Comm. F. DeLucca: We haven't submitted anything to the insurance.

Comm. Hans: The cable burnt out. From my understanding the cable was shut off.

Comm. F. DeLucca: I wasn't aware of that. Was there damage to the equipment?

S.O.G.'s – Comm. Paul

No report.

Future Projects- Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: We will be meeting with the architect as soon as he has the plans back.

Communications – Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Computers – Comm. DeLucca

Comm. T. DeLucca: Justin was going to be getting me quotes to replace the tough books.

Assist Personnel – Comm. Paul

No report

Budget – Comm. Hans

No report.

Fixed Assets – Comm. DeLucca

No report.

Hydrants/ Water – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: Hydrant flushing is being done by NJ American Water.

Building Maintenance / Grounds – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: The damaged electric lines have been fixed

Health & Safety – Comm. Hans

Comm. Hans: There was one physical done.

Insurance – Comm. F. DeLucca

Comm. DeLucca: The Chief and myself had JIF/MEL meeting with Don Ruprect. It was a very informative meeting.

Incentive Program – Comm. Weindel

No report.

Uniforms – Comm. Weindel

No report.

Training- Comm. Weindel
No report.

Fuel – Comm. Weindel
No report.

Chief's Report –Chief Beeler

Chief Beeler: The report was read aloud by Chief Beeler; a copy is attached to the minutes.

President's Report – Comm. Paul
N/A

Borough of Lindenwold – Councilman Morrisey

Councilman Morrisey: I understand the bids were posted & advertised for bonding.

Comm. Paul: All of the bids were accepted. We have the money in the account collecting interest.

Solicitor – J. Catalano
No report.

Old Business – Comm. Paul

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

New Business – Comm. Paul

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

Public Portion – Comm. Paul

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

Motion made by Comm. Hans, seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca, to close to the public. All in favor, ayes have it.

Resolutions – Comm. Paul

Resolution 2024-24– RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT – 2010 BOAT, MOTOR, & TRAILER

Motion made by Comm. Hans, seconded by Comm. T DeLucca as read. Any questions?

Comm. DeLucca: Do we have an actual amount for the sale?

Comm. Paul: Not yet, this is just to advertise for it.

Sol. Catalano: This is an auction site. You'll get bids on it.

Comm. F. DeLucca: Okay, thank you.

Roll call vote all yes.

Open to Commissioners – Comm. Paul

Comm. Paul: Just want to thank the Fire Marshall's office for a nice turn out with installing the smoke detectors. I know I was hot but we helped out a lot of residence who needed smoke detectors.

Comm. Hans: Met with TD Bank regarding positive pay they are working on numbers and will get back to me. NJ ARM account for the building has been set up so we will be collecting interest on that.

Comm. F. DeLucca: Thanks Fire Marshalls & Tim Shannon & staff for putting together the smoke detector install for those who may need I & Chief for assistance with the various projects lately & congratulations to Phil on the fire official license. Thank you to Tammy for helping me with my computer issues & Craig Wells on your continued support with OEM & Public Works. I have 2 areas that I'd like to discuss and dig into. They are important I government, ethics. I was unable locate the policy. Pk sent me a copy & I think we have one of the best policies I've seen. That leads me to purchasing. I think we are in compliance on how we spend money & purchase. We are in charge of tax payer dollars & our objective is to be transparent and open and accountable to the tax payers. One area I think we are light in is, if anyone has answers please help me. I don't see a policy on spending money from \$0 to \$1,200. What type of documentation is needed? Telephone quotes, written quotes, are the vendors registered with the state of New Jersey. What are we using for state contractors? Craig shared with me the policies that the borough used. I think they are great policies & I think they would share with us. This way we aren't guessing & it keeps us safe and out of jail. My last portion of that, am I missing that somewhere? I think \$1,900 and above require a quote. I am not sure what the threshold is. I just think it would keep us safe & I'd like to request the Solicitor to look into that.

Sol. Catalano: I can mock up something, let's see what we have we can figure out what we need.

Comm. F. DeLucca: That's why I mentioned Craig and the borough. My last piece, I stumbled upon a real ugly area which is known as the Garcia Act. Is that something you know about Jeff? Or is that labor council that has to be looked at?

Sol. Catalano: That is certainly an area we can discuss? To what are you referencing?

Comm. F. DeLucca: From what my research is showing, there has been numerous fire companies that have been sued under the Garcia Act. Fire Companies like to use the word stipend? What is stipend? And define that? Are we paying less than minimum hourly rate? It also, the Garcia Act is also part of the Fair Labors Standards Act. Under the stipend, in other words, and PK ad I looked at this, someone is on call, but they aren't physically at the station, & they are given a stipend, can they later come back and sue us because they are getting paid less than the minimum wage is? The other side of that, the Garcia Act is ugly, but unfortunately it's the law, I know. Voorhees had an immense liability an issue with that, Erlton fire years ago, I am talking thousands and thousands of dollars in ligation regarding the minimum wage. Again, they tried cleaning it up, calling it stipends, but they were employees. Were they receiving medical benefits. It kind of gets ugly.

Sol. Catalano: We will follow up on the Garcia Act. We will take a look into that.

Comm. F. DeLucca That would be great. I am not looking for problems but I think it is a problem. In my research that fire districts and departments are very gullible and seem to be the victims of that.

Sol. Catalano: We will take a look at it.

Adjourn - Comm. Paul

Motion made by Comm. Hans seconded by Comm. T. DeLucca to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.

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

	Jul 15, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · CASH	
1011 · TD Bank Money Market Acco...	1,244,617.08
1013 · TD Bank Money Market Capital	2,571.00
1015 · General Checking 3	272,075.95
1016 · Investment NJ ARM	2,083,246.19
1017 · Building- NJ ARM	10,499,519.07
1020 · TD Bank Payroll Checking	16,964.21
1030 · TD Bank LEA Dedicated Pen...	5,578.36
1040 · TD Bank LEA Trust Penalty	15,062.49
1090 · Petty Cash	200.00
Total 1000 · CASH	14,139,834.35
Total Checking/Savings	14,139,834.35
Total Current Assets	14,139,834.35
TOTAL ASSETS	14,139,834.35
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

07/15/2024

June 18, 2024 to July 15, 2024

Inspections Completed:

Cindy Flowers
Oaks (Timber Creek Group Home)

3

Linden Square BBQ

Re- Inspections:

Don Tequila Bar
McDonalds
Lindenwold Pump Station 12
Lindenwold Pump Station 2
Amera Food Market

9

Pinewood (Arborwood)
Lindenwold Pump Station 9
Lindenwold Pump Station 1
White Horse Rapid Lube

Complaints Received 0

Imminent Hazard 0

Requested Response 3

06/28/2024 502 Oak Ave Dwelling Fire
06/21/2024 517 E. Linden Ave Building Fire
06/23/2024 409 7th Ave Dwelling Fire

Civilian Burn Report 0

Firefighter Injury Report 0

Permits 1

06/25/2024 Lindenwold Fire Type 1 Permit

Fire Report Requests: 1

409 7th Ave

Chief Report

June 18 to July 15- 85 calls

6/23 – 413 7th Ave- House fire – Fire extended to 409 7th Ave. Deputy Chief Polifrone ran the fire. FM 63B handled investigation

6/28 – 502 Oak Ave- House Fire- Exterior side fire originated in basement. FM63 handled investigation

6/25 Meeting with JIF MEL

In August the county will be switching the CAD operating system. There will be some adjustments and growing pains. I will be working with Justin and the Officers as well as Commissioner T DeLucca regarding our IPADS and computer work stations.

We have a few special events coming up in the next few weeks that we will be attending. Commissioners are welcome to attend

- Scoopy Lows 7/16
- Aug 1st - Mrs. Dixon 20th Anniversary of her son KIA.
- Training: Aug 6th - Natl Night Out

6/18 drafting operations

6/25 Battalion night

7/9 Smoke Detector Install 7th Ave

Probationary Firefighter Kevin Adams was signed up for Fire 1 in Gloucester County to start in September.

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RESOLUTION 2024-24
Board of Fire Commissioners
Lindenwold Fire District No. 1

AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, certain equipment assets of the Fire District have been determined to be surplus and no longer needed for public use by the Fire District; and,

WHEREAS, the sale or other disposition of any surplus property must be authorized by resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners per Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, et seq. in an "as is" condition without an expressed or implied warranty of any kind; and,


WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Finance Notice #2008-9, the Board is authorized to sell surplus equipment assets through the GovDeals.com internet auction website in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in New Jersey State Contract #A70967: and,

WHEREAS, all interested bidders shall be required to pre-register with GovDeals through their website (www.Govdeals.com) and agree to follow the terms and conditions of the auction and sale process as set forth by GovDeals.com.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners for Lindenwold Fire District No. 1 that the attached list of surplus equipment assets shall be sold to the highest bidder through the GovDeals.com internet auction site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will require all members to follow and abide by said Policy Directives.

Dated: July 15, 2024


Richard J. Paul Jr, Chairman


Attest: Tiffany Beach, District Clerk

2010 Boat, motor, & trailer