

1 **Minutes of July 17, 2019**

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3 The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioner's was called to
4 order by President O'Connor at 7:00 PM. The President advised
5 that all requirements of the Open Public Meeting Laws have been
6 met. Roll Call, Gifford-present, Horn-present, Scollay-present,
7 Dowling-present, O'Connor-present, and Mr. Braslow - present.
8 President O'Connor reminded everyone that this is a public
9 meeting and that smoking is not allowed. The flag was saluted.
10 Commissioner Horn made a motion to accept the minutes of the
11 meeting of June 19, 2019 Commissioner Scollay second, roll call
12 vote, full board yes. Commissioner Gifford made a motion to pay
13 all bills that are before the board at this time. Commissioner
14 Dowling second, roll call vote, full board yes.
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17 **Treasurer's Report: Earl Gifford**

18	Checking Account: -	\$	548,586.19	
19	Interest Earned: -	\$	660.26	
20	Funds Received: -	\$	3,737.00	
21	Permits Received -	\$	162.00	
22	Smoke Detector: -	\$	1.935.00	
23	Total Disbursements -	\$	58,067.27	-
24	Capital Account -	\$	266,664.02	
25	Capital Account Interest	\$	273.83	

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27 This report does not reflect that we received in the mail today
28 from the township our quarterly tax check
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30 **Correspondence:**

31 1 - Commissioner Dowling reported that we have correspondence
32 our monthly statement from our supervisor from the EMS Brad.
33 Everything looks good.
34 2 - Commissioner Dowling reported that we have correspondence
35 from the United States Department of Commerce this is our 2019
36 survey of public employment and payroll. Earl has already
37 finished it and it is here on record if anyone would like to see
38 it.
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40 **Chief's Report-**, Chief Wanamassa Fire Company reporting.
41 No report given
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43 **First Aid Paid Division Report-**
44 No report given
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47 Fire Police Report- Patrick Barrett, Captain Wanamassa
48 Fire Police reporting. No report given
49 Call for the month, responded, structure fire, fire alarm,
50 mva, brush fire, vehicle fire , smell smoke home, detail.
51 Wires down,

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53 Fire Official's Report -Fire Marshal Haege, Fire District
54 #2 reporting. Inspections 67, Re-inspections 27, Complaints ,
55 Follow up's ,Other 1, Smoke detector inspections 28, Permits:
56 inspected & issued 3, fire investigations 1, UCC 29,
57 registration - \$1,580.00 Permits -\$108.00, Smoke-CO Cert:-
58 \$1,530.00 Penalty-\$, LHU From State-\$

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60 Mileage on 230 is 19,018, 231 is 42,346, 232 is 33,222,

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62 Commissioner Gifford said we know that there are several
63 building projects going on in commercial areas of town. What do
64 we have that is just in the works? Tom said besides commercial
65 you also have residential. At the mall we have a 40,000 square
66 foot building going up which is going to be a Marshall's. It
67 looks like the lower level Sears might get a tenant. I think the
68 mall bought Sears I have not gotten conformation on that. At
69 Cedar Village you've got one of three buildings going back up
70 and that will be a total of five buildings up there. There are
71 more things in the works.

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73 Mechanics report: Fire Service Coordinator Dean Schoch reporting
74 256 - OK
75 257 - O.O.S. involved in MVC. Auto body shop will be done 1/18
76 273 - driver side crew door latch repaired
77 275 - tank fill over flow repaired
78 278 - P/M repairs made
79 285 - Q-Siren replaced/old one could not be rebuilt
80 286 - OK
81 287 - OK
82 290 - regulator on breathing air bottle was replaced. Was
83 leaking
84 298 - OK
85 299 - A/C lines replaced
86 266 - sent to dealer on an odor issue
87 267 - OK
88 230 - OK
89 231 - serviced/new serpentine belt/new plugs
90 232 - OK
91 240 - OK

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93 1. Meters requested by the FD came in for 287

- 94 2. Tail radio and charger installed in 275. Program with LAN
95 frequency. A discussion followed
96 3. Received additional insurance check for 257 accident
97 (\$6,394.26)
98 4. Received a check for the tow bill for 257
99 5. New bases for the Paratech struts came in. A discussion
100 followed
101 6. The issue with 266 is ongoing. Chevy has open an
102 engineering invest on it with GM. Maybe out service for a
103 while. They are attempting to isolate the source of
104 whatever is causing the burning of the eyes.
105 7. Downstairs ice machine was repaired. A discussion followed
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107 Unfinished Business:

- 108 1 - Commissioner Dowling said that you had asked me to call
109 about the cleaning company. I'm sorry I totally forgot about it
110 I will call them tomorrow. A discussion followed
111 2 - Commissioner Dowling stated that I have put the Oprah
112 request in Mr. Evans mailbox signed sealed and delivered.
113 3 - Commissioner Scollay stated that he received copies of Mr.
114 Childs employment did you guys get that. Commissioner Dowling
115 stated that he did not get it.
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117 New Business:

- 118 1 - Commissioner Gifford said as you know Verizon told us back
119 in May they were going to disconnect our radio lines and we have
120 quotes to replace those line with some newer updated equipment.
121 We have two quotes one from Wireless and the other was from
122 Monmouth Telecom. The Monmouth Telecom came in at \$7,713.75 and
123 the wireless came in at \$5,788.00. Commissioner Gifford made a
124 motion to that we move forward with wireless to replace the
125 radio ties lines between here and the Sunset Tower at a cost of
126 \$5,788.00. Commissioner Dowling second, roll call vote, full
127 board yes
128 2 - Commissioner Horn said we have a price quote from Electronic
129 Measurements Lab for a new gas meter in the amount of \$608.00
130 that was with a trade in. Commissioner Horn made a motion that
131 we purchase a new gas meter from Electronic Measurements at a
132 cost of \$608.00. Commissioner Dowling second, roll call vote,
133 full board yes
134 3 - Commissioner Gifford said per our discussion to you want to
135 make a motion that Commissioner Horn becomes our recording
136 secretary. Commissioner Dowling second, roll call vote, full
137 board yes.
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140 President O'Connor asked if anyone seated would like to bring
141 anything before the Board.

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143 Cathy Easton volunteer Wanamassa First Aid. Back in April I
144 tried to put a new front porch on my house and I was told I
145 needed a permit to put a dumpster in the street for seven days.
146 I turned out that I didn't use the dumpster the mason carried
147 the demo away. I turned out that I did not need a permit. But
148 when I went to fill in the supplication for the permit I was
149 told that I was not entitled to the ordinance that called it an
150 incentive as a volunteer in town because I'm not a volunteer
151 because I don't ride the ambulance anymore. There are no
152 volunteers in Wanamassa Fire Aid. That is what I was told from
153 the town offices. Of course the first thing I did was call John
154 as the president and he talked me off the cliff because I was
155 infuriated that I am still teaching CPR to boy scouts the
156 volunteers run the paid division. The only way you get an
157 ambulance in Wanamassa when you call 911 is because the
158 volunteers are the trustees that make all of that happen. I
159 didn't think it was a big deal I figured it was a matter of
160 making a correction that we still do have a viable first aid
161 squad and our by-laws at the first aid actually list us as
162 active members which is the word that is used in the ordinance.
163 Doesn't say anything about responding to first aid calls riding
164 the ambulance. I can still answer first aid calls because I get
165 the text and I can go and assist our paid people at any time. I
166 went to a call on Grasmere in May that was down the street. With
167 all due respect I came here tonight to put this on the record. I
168 am just so disappointed I thought it was a simple matter of
169 directing the town and reissue a list of volunteers saying that
170 it was an erroneous list that we left off the volunteer first
171 aiders and it would have been fixed. I didn't need the permit
172 anyway and I could have paid the \$35.00 I don't usually go to
173 the community pool but I know one of our members that likes to
174 go to the pool I have to believe the ordinance was written to
175 say thank you from the town. I can't imagine that anyone at the
176 town would think this is a big deal. Because I read the
177 ordinance and it even extends the benefits of being a volunteer
178 to a family members we are only talking about eight or ten
179 people. I just thought it would just be a matter of contacting
180 someone at the town there is nothing in the ordinance that says
181 you can only give a list once a year because there talk of you
182 may have to wait till next January to issue a new list the
183 ordinance does not say that you can't update the list at any
184 given time. I think about for years the members who came under
185 the membership category of inactive exempt they didn't ride the
186 ambulance they didn't respond to calls and yet they were still

187 entitled to all of these incentives. So I am struggling to see
188 why this is not an easy phone call to whoever gets that list and
189 say we are active members. It makes me crazy for them to say I
190 am not a volunteer. I am coming to you as the source so with all
191 due respect gentleman is there any update on this situation and
192 can it be repaired before the summer is over for those people
193 who would like to go to the pool. Commissioner Scollay said we
194 have nothing to do with township ordinances. The ordinance says
195 that someone from the fire district has to give them a list of
196 names so they know who is a member. A lengthy discussion
197 followed.

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199 At this time Commissioner Dowling made a motion to adjourn the
200 meeting at 7:30 PM Commissioner Gifford second, roll call
201 vote, full board yes.

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