

## Minutes of December 14, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioner's was called to order by President O'Connor at 7:00 PM. The President advised that all requirements of the Open Public Meeting Laws have been met. Roll Call, Gifford-present, Horn-present, Scollay-present, Dowling-present, O'Connor-present, Mr. Braslow - vacation. President O'Connor reminded everyone that this is a public meeting and that smoking is not allowed. The flag was saluted. The minutes of the November 16, 2012 meeting were read. Commissioner Scollay made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting, Commissioner Horn second, roll call vote, full board yes. Commissioner Gifford made a motion to pay all bills that are before the board at this time. Commissioner Dowling second, roll call vote, full board yes.

### Treasurer's Report: Earl Gifford

Checking Account: -	\$	353,673.06
Interest Earned: -	\$	
Funds Received: -	\$	1,956.00
Permits Received -	\$	126.00
Smoke Detector: -	\$	245.00
Total Disbursements -	\$	110,782.34
Capital Account -	\$	459,106.11
Capital Account Interest -	\$	57.39

### Correspondence:

1 - Commissioner Dowling read a public notice of the 2017 budget hearing for the Commissioners of Fire District #2 on January 18' 2017 at 7:00 PM at the firehouse.

Chief's Report- Jon Losquadro, Chief Wanamassa Fire Company reporting.

Calls for the month 41, calls for the year 381, fire alarms 12, motor vehicle fire 1, combustibile spill 1, water problem 1, mva w/injuries 10, mva no injuries 3, wires 5, CO alarm , smoke, odor problem . Other

290 is still out of service should be coming Friday. Hopefully we will have everything back on it next week

The Santa Run fundraiser is currently on going. Our last two nights are Friday and Saturday. The fire company will be having a lounge party after the last run on Saturday

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48 There will no drill this month  
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50 There will be a work detail on the 29<sup>th</sup> to set up for New Years  
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52 On NYD the swearing in will begin at 11:00 AM and the open house  
53 will be held from 1:00-5:00 PM with a party in the lounge  
54 afterwards  
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56 I'd like to thank you for your support over the past two years  
57 everything went smoothly and hope for the same in next year's  
58 chief.

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60 Captain's Report- Henry Katelhon, Wanamassa First Aid Squad  
61 reporting.

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63 Calls for the month 5, emergency 5, mva , fire , drill , mutual  
64 aid mutual aid/mva , duty crew 4, total volunteer calls 9,  
65 total per diem calls 44, total for % year from 10/2011-9/2012 ,  
66 regular calls 21, mutual aid 0/ duty crew 12/standby 1/total 34

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68 Captain Katelhon reported the mileage on the captain's car is  
69 53,662

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71 Joel Martinez passed his EMT test on December 8, 2016 at JSUMC

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73 Captain Katelhon thanked the board for the last two years.

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75 Captain Katelhon said that they earmarked from the McKnight  
76 estate \$75,000.00 for a purchase of a new ambulance. We will  
77 have to work on those details with you.

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79 Fire Police Report- Patrick Barrett, Commander  
80 Wanamassa Fire Police reporting.

81 Call for the month 27, responded 24, structure fire, fire  
82 alarm 8, mva 11, fuel spill 1 , vehicle fire 1 , smell smoke  
83 home , detail . wires down 3,

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85 Commander Barrett thanked the board for the new light it makes a  
86 huge difference.

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88 Commander Barrett said that several ago I requested snow tires  
89 for the van, it is not your fault we haven't had snow but this  
90 looks like the year we have snow. I would like to replace the  
91 two back tires maybe we could change them because it would be a  
92 waste of fuel to have them on year round. Commissioner Scollay  
93 said these are mud and snow tires I think the issue is there is

94 not enough weight in the back. Commander Barrett said he thinks  
95 there is too much weight in the back that is why we get stuck.  
96 These are the original tires and they are thirteen years old.  
97 They must make a better tire now. At least just for the winter  
98 to get us through. Commissioner Scollay asked if we have chains.  
99 A discussion followed

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101 Fire Official's Report -John Francis, Fire District #2  
102 reporting.

103 Inspections 47, Re-inspections 20, Permits: inspected & issued  
104 59, fire investigations , other , smoke detector 29, UCC 30,  
105 registration fee for month - \$2,495.00 registration fee to date  
106 \$27,922.25

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108 Mileage on 230 is 5,293, 231 is unavailable, 232 is 112,570, 286  
109 is done, and 299 is 94,122

110 Mechanics report: Fire Marshal Haege reporting

111 250 - new EMS radio & charger installed

112 256 - new EMS radio & charger installed

113 257 - O.O.S. towed broke down, 2 front tire replaced, land line  
114 communications replaced, MV inspection done, new EMS radio &  
115 charger installed. Since it broke down PL called me today the  
116 EGR oil cooler has a leak causing the coolant and oil to mix.  
117 This caused the EGR valve to fill up with oil and hang up. This  
118 would be the reason that the vehicle stopped running. We will  
119 need to replace the EGR cooler, oil cooler, EGR valve and do a  
120 complete flush of motor and the cooling system. They gave me an  
121 estimate of \$5,690.00.

122 273 - OK

123 275 - rear pinion seal fixed

124 278 - OK

125 285 - front right tire replaced

126 286 - D.O.A

127 287 - OK

128 290 - out of service for refurbish

129 298 - serviced, battery and alternator replaced, striping done,  
130 Has to go back next month for Indian Head art work

131 299 - OK

132 266 - serviced, 4 new tires, MV inspection done

133 267 -serviced, head lite fixed

134 230 - OK

135 231 - OK

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138 240 - OK

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140 We had to repair the bay door for 256

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142 HVAC unit new fire house had flu inducer motor replaced

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144 Detailing of vehicles has started

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146 Floors and carpets are being done the only one left is the wood  
147 floor

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149 Unfinished Business:

150 1 - Commissioner Gifford said we went to see the ladder last  
151 Thursday. There were two or three items still outstanding that  
152 they had to repair. Other than that it looks great, it looks  
153 like a brand new truck. One of the issues that they ran into was  
154 the PTO on the truck we did not have a hot shift PTO on the old  
155 truck. He further explained what this means. Hopefully we will  
156 get it by Friday

157 2 - Commissioner Gifford said that the EMS started using the new  
158 radios system today.

159 3 - Commissioner Scollay said that this past week the township  
160 re-angled the dangle on the turn off of Wickapecko onto Bimbler.  
161 They pulled that curb in the center island they didn't touch the  
162 other curb just the curb on this side. It looks better I haven't  
163 taken a vehicle down yet.

164 4 - Commissioner Scollay said we had talked about doing the  
165 lights on the outside of the firehouse. Mr. Francis informed me  
166 that the township has the same type of fixtures that we have on  
167 our property and they have retrofitted them the new LED's. If  
168 you look at that we can use the same thing. A discussion  
169 followed

170 5 - Commissioner Dowling said that he is going to wait until the  
171 January meeting to ask for a count of the tables and chairs.

172 6 - Commissioner Dowling just to put it on record we had our  
173 special election on Monday night December 12<sup>th</sup>, it was to  
174 allocate money for a new vehicle not to exceed \$250,000.00. The  
175 total votes were as follows: there were 24 voters, it came out  
176 to 20 yes and 3 no. Also there was \$53,000.00 allocated for a  
177 new chief's vehicle out of the 24 voters it was 21 yes and 2 no.

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179 New Business:

180 1 - Commissioner Dowling said that Mr. Francis brought up the  
181 cost to fix 257 for the price of \$5,690.00 from PL I make a  
182 motion that we get this down as soon as possible. Commissioner  
183 Horn second, roll call vote, full board yes

184 2 - Commissioner Horn offered a resolution to declare the 1997  
185 Suburban with the blow, the old generator that is being returned  
186 from the ladder as surplus and is no longer needed. Commissioner  
187 Gifford second, roll call vote, full board yes.

188 3 - Commissioner Horn offered a resolution that we put the 1997  
189 Suburban with blow and generator out for auction on  
190 Govdeals.com. Commissioner Gifford second, roll call vote, full  
191 board yes.

192 4 - Commissioner Gifford stated at my request John supplied me  
193 with the bill that we give to the township every year for the  
194 Opticom agreement. We had a total expenditure for maintenance of  
195 \$2,357.00 so there share will be \$1,178.50. I will be turning  
196 this over to the town and they will be reimbursing us.

197 5 - Commissioner Gifford offered a resolution that we introduce  
198 the budget and the total revenue are \$1,715,416.00 with an  
199 identical tax rate from last year of .103 the tax rate remains  
200 the same. We equalized out the budget by throwing some surplus  
201 in. We will send two copies of the budget to the DCA and also an  
202 electronic copy and one copy will be appearing on our website.  
203 Commissioner Dowling second, roll call vote, full board ye.

204 6 - Commissioner Gifford said we have our budget hearing on  
205 January 18, 2017 I am making a resolution for that prior to our  
206 regular meeting and any comments by the public. Commissioner  
207 Dowling second, roll call vote, full board yes

208 7 - Commissioner Gifford said that after we did the inspection I  
209 have three invoices that need to be paid for the truck. The  
210 first invoice is from Campbell's Supply the refurbishment it is  
211 \$319,877.00. I will make a motion that we pay that bill.  
212 Commissioner Dowling second, roll call vote, full board yes.

213 8 - Commissioner Gifford said that there were two supplemental  
214 bills for repairs and maintenance that they had to do if you  
215 remember we held off on doing repairs and maintenance on certain  
216 items because we were doing the refurbishing. The first bill is  
217 for \$8,425.12 and I make a motion to pay that. Commissioner  
218 Dowling second, roll call vote, full board yes

219 9 - Commissioner Gifford one has to do with PTO that I told you  
220 about. That bill is \$4,818.95 and I make a motion to pay that.  
221 Commissioner Dowling second, roll call vote, full board yes

222 10 - Commissioner Scollay said that back in July of this year  
223 that we got two quotes for the lights themselves to complete all  
224 the lights on the fire company building on the outside in the  
225 new LED. It was \$3,493.00 and that was just for the material.  
226 They were supposed to get back to us with a quote for the labor.  
227 I haven't gotten that quote back. Mr. Francis said he said if I  
228 remember right I am not 100% sure but I thought he said it  
229 wouldn't be over \$1,500.00. I can't remember what he said are we  
230 going to use the ladder to put them up or rent something he was  
231 out here maybe two hours on one light. He has to take it down  
232 drill holes and do it. Commissioner Scollay made a motion to  
233 purchase the equipment for the lighting at a cost of \$3,493.00  
234 and once we get that we will contact them for a final price.

235 Commissioner Gifford suggested that we make the motion not to  
236 exceed \$5,000.00. Commissioner Scollay amended his motion to  
237 state not to exceed \$5,000.00. Commissioner Horn second, roll  
238 call vote full board yes.

239 11 - Commissioner Scollay stated that he would like to see the  
240 board send a letter to the township requesting there services  
241 this winter to plow our parking lot in light of the fact that we  
242 have lost our plow vehicle. Commissioner Gifford suggested we  
243 send it to the public works director with a copy to the township  
244 manager.

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247 President O'Connor asked if anyone seated would like to bring  
248 anything before the Board.

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250 Mr. John Francis said I want to bring up something. The last  
251 year or so has been pretty tough and I have kicked this around  
252 for a while and I don't want to do this anymore. So I am  
253 resigning as of December 30<sup>th</sup> that will be my last day. You have  
254 Bea, Phyllis they know what to do. You have Tommy and Dean and  
255 they know how to order stuff. The rest of the stuff anyone can  
256 do it. Commissioner Scollay said that anytime I have ever had a  
257 question you always have the answer. Commissioner Gifford said  
258 that behalf of the board I want to thank you for everything you  
259 have done for us over the years. You have been and incredible  
260 resource for us I realize and everybody has to retire sometime.  
261 John said he will be around. Commissioner Gifford if there is  
262 something that we are stuck on can we call you, Mr. Francis said  
263 yes.

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265 Commissioner Dowling wished everyone happy holidays, happy new  
266 year be safe be healthy. Commander Barrett said on the record  
267 Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah

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269 At this time the Commissioner Dowling made a motion to close the  
270 meeting at 7:35 PM Commissioner Scollay second, roll call  
271 vote, full board yes.

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