

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Washington Township Fire District No. 1
P. O. Box 152
Washington, New Jersey 07882**

Minutes for August 14, 2024:

Regular Meeting Called to Order by M. Riotto at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

M. Riotto requested a moment of silence for all fallen firefighters.

Roll Call

Chairman – Michael Riotto – Present
Vice Chairman – Matthew Noctor – Present
Secretary – Karl Spolarich – Absent
Treasurer – Marc DeMarco – Absent
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Chase Darwin – Present

Certification of Public Meeting Law

C. Darwin, assistant secretary, noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975 in as much as a notice had been published in *The Express Times* and/or *The Star Ledger* and posted at the municipal building.

Reading of Minutes

Minutes from the July 10, 2024, meeting were submitted by K. Spolarich and read by C. Darwin. Motion to accept minutes as read made by M. Noctor. Second was made by M. Riotto. All were in favor.

Correspondence

None.

Report of Fire Department

Monthly report for August 2024 submitted by President T. Pantuso.

Report of Fire Chief

Monthly report for July 2024 read and submitted by Fire Chief T. Wilson.

Report of Fire Official

Monthly report for July 2024 read and submitted by Fire Official E. Kiley.

Old Business

None.

New Business

C. Darwin reported that the 2023 LOSAP final report was posted at both firehouses on August 13, 2024. The thirty day review period for appeals will conclude on September 11, 2024.

Resolution #24-008 – Application to the Local Finance Board to Purchase Fire Apparatus

M. Noctor made a motion to make an application to the Local Finance Board for the purchase of a fire apparatus. Second was made by C. Darwin. All were in favor.

Resolution #24-009 – Authorizing Hiring of Per Diem Employee

Motion made by M. Noctor to hire Evan Lundy as a Firehouse Caretaker, a per diem employee of the Board. Second was made by C. Darwin. All were in favor.

Meeting opened to the public by M. Riotto at 7:10 P.M.

No public participation.

Meeting closed to the public by M. Riotto at 7:11 P.M.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for August 7, 2024, submitted by M. DeMarco and read by C. Darwin. Motion to pay bills made by M. Noctor. Second was made by M. Riotto. All were in favor. The total of the approved bills for August 7, 2024, is \$59,028.46.

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by M. Noctor to adjourn meeting at 7:27 P.M. Second was made by C. Darwin. All were in favor.

Chase Darwin
Assistant Secretary

Presidents Report August 2024

New roof installation completed at Brass Castle station.

Brass Castle parking lot line painting project completed.

Building committee – Loan application has been made.

Air conditioning for Brass Castle rest rooms was discussed. Price quotes to be obtained.

Gate at Hawk Pointe discussed.

Fire Department will be attending Hampton parade on 8/10 and Mtn. Lake parade on 8/17.

Gear dryer discussed – Will obtain additional prices.

Potential new member was in attendance – He obtained an application.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Pantuso
President



Washington Township Fire Department

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Chief's Report

Chief Tom Wilson

7/1/24

For the month of July Washington Township Fire Department responded to a total of 32 calls

5 MVAs

13 Alarm Activations

3 CO Alarms

5 First Aid Squad Assists

3 Structure fires

2 Mutual Aid /Cover up assignments

1 Odor Investigation

For a total of 32 calls

We hosted 1 Business meeting and 4 Drills

- (1) Drafting drill with the brush truck
- (2) A Fire Escape awareness drill with Washington Boro
- (3) Aerial Ladder placement with Washington Boro at Hawk Pointe
- (4) A Grip Hoist set up / operation drill

**Washington Township Bureau of Fire Prevention
Fire Official Report
211 Route 31 North
Washington, NJ 07882**

**JULY
Monthly Report 2024**

Non Life Hazard Inspections - 009
Life Hazard Inspections - 04

Non Life Hazard Fees Collected -0.00

Life Hazard Fees collected from State of NJ - 5659.23
Smoke Detector Fees (CSDCMAC) collected- 400.00

FEES COLLECTED FOR PERMITS - 508.00

Edward Kiley
Fire Official - Washington Township Fire District #1

RESOLUTION (#24-008) OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Washington, in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the "Fire District") desires to make application to the Local Finance Board requesting positive findings for the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes by the Fire District to finance the acquisition of a fire pumper and equipment;

WHEREAS, the Fire District believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- (b) said purpose or improvements are for the health, welfare, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the local unit or units;
- (c) the amounts to be expended for said purpose or improvements are not unreasonable or exorbitant;
- (d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the local unit or units and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the local unit or units;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Fire District's Bond Counsel and Solicitor, along with other representatives of the Fire District, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Fire District in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Fire District is hereby directed to prepare and file a copy of the proposed resolution with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

<u>FULL NAME</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Chase Darwin	X			
Marc DeMarco				X
Matthew Noctor	X			
Michael Riotto	X			
Karl Spolarich				X

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Washington, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, on August 14, 2024.

Karl Spolarich, Secretary

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN**

Resolution # 24-009

Authorizing Hiring of Per Diem Employee

WHEREAS, the Fire District has previously created the position of Firehouse Caretaker;
and

WHEREAS, the Fire District is desirous of employing a per diem employee relative to
the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in
the Township of Washington, County of Warren, as follows:

- (1) Evan Landy is employed relative to the referenced position.
- (2) This individual shall undertake all job responsibilities relative to the position as
previously adopted by the Fire District.
- (3) This individual shall receive \$20.00 per hour for services rendered to be paid on
the 15th and 30th of each month.
- (4) The commencement date of employment shall be upon adoption of this resolution
and satisfaction by the employee of any conditions of employment.

Washington Township Fire District #1

Unpaid Bills Detail

As of August 7, 2024

	Type	Date	Num	Due Date	Aging	Open Balance
AT&T Mobility						
	Bill	08/07/2024	28732005854x08042024	08/17/2024		<u>897.08</u>
Total AT&T Mobility						897.08
C&M Auto Parts						
	Bill	08/07/2024	1960	08/17/2024		<u>197.80</u>
Total C&M Auto Parts						197.80
Comcast						
	Bill	08/07/2024	8499052730036219	08/17/2024		184.79
	Bill	08/07/2024	8499052730036227	08/17/2024		<u>774.78</u>
Total Comcast						959.57
Fire and Safety Services , LTD.						
	Bill	08/07/2024	io24-05912	08/17/2024		290.06
	Bill	08/07/2024	io24-05709	08/17/2024		<u>408.11</u>
Total Fire and Safety Services , LTD.						698.17
Fleet Services						
	Bill	08/07/2024	98518008	08/17/2024		<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Fleet Services						1,000.00
Frank Rymon and Sons Inc.						
	Bill	08/07/2024	41927	08/17/2024		<u>32.19</u>
Total Frank Rymon and Sons Inc.						32.19
JDP						
	Bill	08/07/2024	119297	08/17/2024		<u>52.95</u>
Total JDP						52.95
Liberty Mutual						
	Bill	08/07/2024	320917-0000	08/17/2024		3,093.33
	Bill	08/07/2024	3-320917-0000	08/17/2024		<u>3,093.33</u>
Total Liberty Mutual						6,186.66
New Jersey American Water						
	Bill	08/07/2024	1018210023095075	08/07/2024		<u>8,129.19</u>
Total New Jersey American Water						8,129.19
New Jersey Fire Equipment						
	Bill	08/07/2024	72657	08/17/2024		<u>588.00</u>
Total New Jersey Fire Equipment						588.00
Richard Braslow						
	Bill	08/07/2024	04858	08/07/2024		<u>775.00</u>
Total Richard Braslow						775.00

St. Lukes

	Bill	08/07/2024	173446	08/17/2024	<u>67.00</u>
Total St. Lukes					67.00
VFIS					
	Bill	08/07/2024	03333	08/07/2024	<u>25,645.60</u>
Total VFIS					25,645.60
Washington Township Fire Department					
	Bill	08/07/2024	qt2	08/07/2024	<u>13,799.25</u>
Total Washington Township Fire Department					<u>13,799.25</u>
TOTAL					<u><u>59,028.46</u></u>