

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

Minutes for April 9, 2025:

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 – Present
Treasurer – Marc DeMarco – Present
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Chase Darwin – Absent

Certification of Public Meeting Law

K. Spolarich, 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 March 12, 2025, meeting were read by K. Spolarich. Motion to accept minutes as read made by M. Noctor. Second was made by M. DeMarco. All were in favor.

Correspondence

M. Noctor received the annual Workmen's Compensation audit from Liberty Mutual.

Report of Fire Department

Monthly activity report for April 2025 read and submitted by President T. Pantuso.

Report of Fire Chief

Monthly activity report for March 2025 read and submitted by Fire Chief T. Wilson.

Report of Fire Official

None.

Old Business

M. Riotto received the final report from the DCA for the annual audit of the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

M. Riotto reported that the Board is in the process hiring an outside vendor to maintain the Board's current website or create and maintain a new website.

K. Spolarich reported that no appeals were received regarding the posted 2024 LOSAP numbers during the mandatory thirty day review period. The posted amounts will now be submitted to Lincoln Financial for payment to the fire department's participating members' accounts.

M. Riotto reported that the Truck Committee is currently waiting for the specifications and total price of the proposed new apparatus.

New Business

None.

Meeting opened to the public by M. Riotto at 7:23 P.M.

No public participation.

Meeting closed to the public by M. Riotto at 7:24 P.M.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for April 7, 2025, read and submitted by M. DeMarco. Motion to pay bills made by M. Noctor. Second was made by K. Spolarich. All were in favor. The total of the approved bills for April 7, 2025, is \$23,867.54.

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

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

Karl B. Spolarich
Secretary

President's Report

April 2025

Prior to the meeting the department took a moment of silence for the passing of honored member/secretary Evan Howell.

William Phelps appointed as Secretary for the remainder of the year.

Washburn building/addition was approved by the Land Use Board. Construction to start ASAP.

Truck committee met last week and plan another meeting next week.

"After the Fire" presentation is scheduled for October 14, 2025 @ 0900 hrs. at Warren Hills Sr. H.S. auditorium. We will look to see the possibility of Warren Tech students being able to attend.

Virtual meeting with department attorney postponed due to structure fire and fireman's funeral. To be rescheduled in the next 2 weeks.

Evan Howell's mother asked for help moving bins from storage unit. Members will provide assistance.

Grass cutting discussed – member Warren Gabriel will take care of it.

Member Brian Trimmer will replace stained ceiling tiles at Brass Castle station and he will replace stained carpet squares at Washburn station. Wall above man door in apparatus room at Brass Castle to be looked at.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Pantuso

President



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Chief's Report

Chief Tom Wilson

3/31/25

For the month of March Washington Township Fire Department responded to a total of 41 emergency calls

And hosted 1 Business meeting 4 Drills

5 Structure fires

2 Pole fires /Wires down

6 MVAs

8 Alarm Calls

1 Lift Assist

8 Brush Fires

4 Odor Investigations

1 CO Alarm

5 Squad Assists

1 Hazmat

DRILLS

3/10 Forward and Reverse hose lays

3/17 Walk through at Brass Castle Elementary School

3/24 Walk through at BASF Facility with mutual aid departments

3/31 Combat Ready Lecture with 83 Fire

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Unpaid Bills Detail

As of April 7, 2025

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Aging</u>	<u>Open Balance</u>
AT&T Mobility						
	Bill	04/07/2025	287320058054x0404202	04/17/2025		<u>900.00</u>
Total AT&T Mobility						900.00
Comcast						
	Bill	04/07/2025	8499052730036227	04/17/2025		436.41
	Bill	04/07/2025	8499052730036219	04/17/2025		<u>503.21</u>
Total Comcast						939.62
Fire and Safety Services , LTD.						
	Bill	04/07/2025	io25-02498	04/17/2025		<u>184.75</u>
Total Fire and Safety Services , LTD.						184.75
Fleet Services						
	Bill	04/07/2025	103674218	04/17/2025		<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Fleet Services						1,000.00
Frank Rymon and Sons Inc.						
	Bill	04/07/2025	44910	04/17/2025		<u>32.19</u>
Total Frank Rymon and Sons Inc.						32.19
New Jersey American Water						
	Bill	04/07/2025	1018-210023095075	04/07/2025		<u>18,217.98</u>
Total New Jersey American Water						18,217.98
Richard Braslow						
	Bill	04/07/2025	05406	04/07/2025		<u>220.00</u>
Total Richard Braslow						220.00
St. Lukes						
	Bill	04/07/2025	181314	04/17/2025		<u>122.00</u>
Total St. Lukes						122.00
VFIS						
	Bill	04/07/2025	428250131	04/07/2025		<u>2,251.00</u>
Total VFIS						<u>2,251.00</u>
TOTAL						<u><u>23,867.54</u></u>