

2024 Budget Workshop  
1144 Hooper Avenue Conference Room "A"  
October 4, 2023

A budget workshop of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, New Jersey was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Tutela. The following statement was made:

Let the official minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and a notice thereof being posted in the Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey, being transmitted to the Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with the statute.

**ROLL CALL**

Golden - present                      Latshaw - present  
Minkler - present                      Roman - present  
Tutela - present

Halliwell present to take minutes. Administrator Kubiell present.

**Fire Co.#1:**

Board reviewed budget requests by Co. #1. Tutela questioned remount of extrication equipment on 2561, Asst. Chief Uffer explained it was to have it properly mounted. Board suggested standardization of PPV fans.

**Fire Co. #2:**

Board reviewed budget requests by Co. #2. Chief O'Neill explained need for additional 2 ½" hose. Kubiell explained this comes out of company Tools & Equipment, not Hose & Nozzles which is used for replacement hose after inspection.

**Fire Co. #3:**

Board reviewed budget requests by Co. #3. Chief Calvo explained need for Jet ski walkies to improve communications

**Fire Co. #4:**

Board reviewed budget requests by Co. #4. Chief Catapano provided overview of requests.

**District #1:**

Radio budget will be determined after Brian and Dawn, along with attorney and auditor, meet with the Local Finance Board to receive approval of lease purchase for new radio system. Board agreed to a 2% increase in fire company leases if final budget figures allow. Board reviewed various line items pertaining to the District#1 2024 proposed budget and are satisfied with the overall budget as it stands now. Will determine final fire company figures soon.

Catapano questioned payments to Seaside and Island Heights due to lack of response. Board is in the process of renegotiating their contracts.

Asst. Chief Rice questioned process of standardizing equipment throughout the district. Process to be discussed for future purchases.

There being no further business, the workshop ended at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Leonard Minkler Clerk*