

**BTFD #2 SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
January 17, 2023**

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 pm at the BTFD#2 Fire House.

Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence observed

ROLL CALL By Secretary:

George Chidley, Present, Andrew Law Absent, Fred Freda, Present, George Gareis, Present, Jim Cann, Present.

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:

By Secretary (see Agenda)

REPORT BY CHIEF BTFD#2:

No Report

REPORT BY TREASURER:

No Report

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2023-003, 2023 Annual Budget for submission to NJ Department of Community Affairs. Robert MacFarland, Chief BTFD#2 read the proposed 2023 Fire District Budget recommended changes which include an amount to be raised by taxes of \$2,659,013.32 and Total Appropriations of \$2,903,369.32.

Chair Jim Cann requested a motion to open the meeting to the public. Fred Freda made a Motion to open the meeting for public comment and the motion was Seconded by George Chidley. A ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion to open the meeting for public comment on the proposed budget amendments.

No members of the public stepped forward on the matter. A motion was made by George Chidley and Seconded by Fred Freda to close the public comment. A ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion to close the meeting for public comment on the budget amendment.

A Motion was made by Fred Freda to approve the budget with changes contained in Resolution 2023-003. Motion Seconded by George Gareis. All members present balloted to approve Resolution 2023-003.

OLD BUSINESS:

Robert MacFarland, Chief and Jim Cann, Chair have had discussions with Bordentown Township and Burlington County Officials related to tax revenues. Robert MacFarland, Chief and Jim Cann, Chair both reported some progress with Burlington County and the NJ Department of Community affairs resulting in a slight increase in revenue to the Fire District. The revenue still falls short of what the District had

anticipated. The District must now amend the 2023 Budget to reflect changes put in place by Burlington County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robert MacFarland, Chief reported that Auditors have not completed the 2021 BTFD#2 Annual Audit and is in the process of pushing them for a firm delivery date. Will follow-up at the next Regular Meeting in February.

Robert MacFarland, Chief reported that the contract to repair the Fire House bathrooms is still under Attorney review. He will follow-up and report back on the matter,

Andrew Law reported receiving reports that the water pressure in the Southern end of the Township was low. He will followup with the Bordentown City Water Department and report back on the matter.

OPEN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Jim Cann requested a motion to open the meeting to the public. A motion was made by George Chidley and Seconded by Fred Freda to open the meeting to public comment. A ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion to open the meeting for public comment.

No members of the public stepped forward on any matter. A motion was made by George Chidley and Seconded by Fred Freda to close the public comment. A ballot was taken. All members present affirmed the motion to close the meeting for public comment.

Chair Jim Cann requested a motion to adjourn. A Motion to adjourn was made by Fred Freda and Seconded by George Chidley. A ballot was taken and all members affirmed the **motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm.**

MINUTES APPROVED ON February 7, 2023

George Chidley ____

Fred Freda ____

George Gareis ____

Andrew Law ____

Jim Cann ____

CERTIFIED BY:

George Chidley, Secretary
BTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners

Jim Cann, Chair
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