



**East Amwell Board of Fire Commissioners
District No 1**
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Flag salute:

The flag salute was led by Craig Bailey, followed by a moment of silence.

Statement of Compliance:

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Board of Fire Commissioners was opened on October 11, 2023 at 7:30 PM, with notice given of the change in meeting date. The following notice was read, "In compliance with the Open Public meetings Act, this meeting was advertised in the January 19, 2023 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Township Clerk's office, posted on the Amwell Valley Fire House bulletin board.

Roll Call:

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| Craig Bailey | Present |
| John Chiesa | Present |
| Marc LaRowe | Present |
| Paul Carlucci | Present |
| Max Jason (Chief) | Present |
| Robert Jason (Deputy Chief) | Present |

Minutes:

Minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting were presented. At this time, a motion was made by Paul Carlucci to accept the minutes of the September meeting. This motion was seconded by Marc LaRowe and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented and hereby made part of the minutes of this meeting. At this time, a motion was made by Marc LaRowe to accept the treasurer's report. This motion was seconded by Craig Bailey and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried. The reports of receipts, encumbrances and disbursements were presented and attached and hereby made part of the minutes of this meeting.

Bills:

The Bills as listed on the disbursement sheet were presented and hereby made part of the minutes of the meeting. At this time a motion was made to pay the bills totaling \$3,590.10 by Paul Carlucci. This motion was seconded by Craig Bailey and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.



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Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Paul Carlucci addressed the issue of two fire company members not having their LOSAP account credited by AIG. He stated that he contacted the company and spoke with a supervisor and that the issue was being resolved. It was also discussed about whether the COLA for 2023 has been determined yet. Paul stated that he would look into it.

The new inventory system was briefly discussed and the Chief is scheduled to have a meeting with the vendor on November 17, 2023.

Regarding the brush truck replacement committee, the Commission placed Paul Carlucci as the Commission representative on the committee.

New Business:

A preliminary discussion was held on the 2024 budget, and after a review of the amounts expended in 2023 and anticipated expenditures in 2024, Craig Bailey made a motion to not increase the tax levy for 2024. The motion was seconded by Paul Carlucci. Craig Bailey, Paul Carlucci and Marc LaRowe voted yes, and John Chiesa voted no. The motion carried.

Craig Bailey stated that the Commission needs to adopt certain workplace policies.

John Chiesa stated that the November meeting needed to be moved to November 15th. John made a motion to move the meeting, which was seconded by Marc LaRowe and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

Chief's Report:

Chief Jason reported that the Department needs to purchase some hard suction at a cost of approximately \$3,000. This is to replace suction that failed during the recent hose test. Marc LaRowe made a motion to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Craig Bailey and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

Public Comment:

The members of the public had no comments. At this time a motion was made by Marc LaRowe to close the public portion. This motion was seconded by Craig Bailey and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

Commissioners Comments:

None.



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Adjournment:

As there is no additional business to come before the board, at this time a motion was made by Craig Bailey to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by John Chiesa and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Craig Bailey, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig D. Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.