



**East Amwell Board of Fire Commissioners**  
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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 December 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM. 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:**

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 November 15, 2023 meeting were presented. At this time, a motion was made by John Chiesa to accept the minutes of the October meeting. This motion was seconded by Paul Carlucci 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 Craig Bailey to accept the treasurer's report. This motion was seconded by Marc LaRowe 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 \$6,298.80 by Marc LaRowe. This motion was seconded by Paul Carlucci and along with a unanimous favorable vote the motion carried.



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**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:**

Paul Carlucci discussed closing out the reports for the 2023 LOSAP payment. Chief Jason commented that he hopes to have the reports finalized by the Commission's February meeting.

The new inventory system was briefly discussed and the Chief stated that the system should go live on January 1, 2024.

Regarding the brush truck replacement committee, the Chief stated that there is nothing new to report.

Regarding the budget, it was noted that it was approved by the State. Craig Bailey made a motion to adopt the 2024 Budget Resolution. The motion was seconded by Paul Carlucci and along with a unanimous favorable roll call vote, the motion carried.

Craig Bailey stated that he is working on the draft policies. The first will be one on Anti-discrimination and harassment policy

**New Business:**

Craig Bailey presented a lease for the Commission's use of certain space with the Amwell Valley Fire Company that was accepted and signed by the Company. John Chiesa made a motion to approve the lease. Craig Bailey seconded the motion and along with a unanimously favorable vote, the motion carried.

John Chiesa made a motion to renew a certificate of deposit held by the Commission at the best available rate. Craig Bailey seconded the motion and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

At this time, it was announced that the Board will hold a swearing in and reorganization meeting on January 10, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

The sealed Certificate of Election was received from the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office and was made a part of the minutes.

**Chief's Report:**

Chief Jason reported mechanical issues with Engine 2 have been resolved. He stated that he received an estimate for the repairs to Engine 1 for \$5800. Craig Bailey made a motion to accept the estimate and have the repairs made. John Chiesa seconded the motion and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

Chief Jason stated that he would like to replace the inventory of jackets, given to members for use on certain fire and accident scenes. Craig Bailey made a motion to approve the Chief's request. John Chiesa seconded the motion and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.



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Chief Jason stated that the company is running low on Class A foam. He noted that 55 gallon drums are not available and would like to purchase 10 5 gallon pails at a cost of \$450. Craig Bailey made a motion to approve the request. Marc LaRowe seconded the motion and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

Chief Jason also requested to purchase a hydrant bag for each Engine and include 2 2/12 inch nozzles in each bag. John Chiesa made a motion to approve the request. Paul Carlucci seconded the motion and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

Chief Jason discussed the recent Manners Road fire and that it would have been beneficial to have a cellar nozzle. He requested the purchase of 1 ½ and 2 ½ inch cellar nozzles. Craig Bailey questioned the need to have both at this time, and after a discussion, made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2 ½ inch nozzles. The motion was seconded by John Chiesa and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

An additional request was made by Chief Jason to purchase accident tools and bags for Engine 1 and Engine 2, as necessary, to replace lost or damaged tools. Craig Bailey made a motion to approve the request. John Chiesa seconded the motion and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

Chief Jason the ladder bracket on Engine 1 that was broken during the Manners Road fire (Commissioners were informed after the incident) and the cost to have a new bracket made. Craig Bailey made a motion to have the bracket made and installed on Engine 1. Marc LaRowe seconded the motion and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

There were 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.

**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 Marc LaRowe and along with a unanimous favorable vote, the motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:04 p.m.

**Craig Bailey, Secretary**