

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Special Meeting:

Public Hearing on 2015 Budget

January 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Township of Ocean, Fire District #1, was called to order at 7:30 pm followed by the salute to the flag then a moment of silence.

This meeting is being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act". Public Notice of this meeting was hand delivered to the Clerk of the Township of Ocean and posted at the Oakhurst Firehouse on December 4, 2014, and advertised in The Coaster on December 4, 2014.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members were present: Scott Nelson, Russell Williams, and Stu Newman. The Fire District Administrator was also present. Commissioner Hiers was called out to work just prior to the meeting. Commissioner Reu had a family commitment.

BUSINESS:

Nelson – The agenda for this Special Meeting will consist of a Public Hearing on the 2015 Proposed Budget for the Fire District, and adoption of the 2015 Proposed Budget immediately following the Public Hearing. At the November 24, 2014 Special Meeting, the Board introduced and approved the 2015 Budget. The Budget has been sent certified – return receipt requested onto the State DCA, Division of Local Government Services on November 25, 2014 by the FDA. The FDA received an e-mail of Certification of the 2015 Budget back from the DCA.

At this time, I open the Public Hearing on the 2015 Fire District No. 1 Budget.

Nelson - read the 2015 Budget Message.

2015 Budget Message:
Board of Fire Commissioners
Township of Ocean
Fire District No. 1 Budget

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

The proposed 2015 Budget is decreasing by \$214,000. Generally the decrease is from 2014 special purchases: apparatus and FEMA grant equipment.

The proposed amount to be raised by taxation is increasing by \$83,844. There was a decrease in the rateables which results in an increase in the taxes and a \$.002 increase in the tax rate. The increase is offset by utilizing \$225,000 of Unrestricted Fund Balance. This will leave a balance of \$338,748 which is 20% of the Amount to be Raised by Taxation. The Board also utilized \$100,000 of Restricted Fund Balance, leaving a \$384,401 balance.

The 2015 Budget is under the Levy Cap and has not utilized any unused levy cap funds.

The Board has budgeted for three Capital projects in 2015, totaling \$145,000. A Special Meeting was held on November 24, 2014 and the projects were approved.

The Board has appropriated funds for the support of the Oakhurst First Aid Squad.

The Total Assessed Valuation of Fire District No. 1 is \$2,809,237,330. The Proposed Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Valuation is \$.059. This is an increase of \$.004 from last year's Assessed Valuation of \$.055.

Nelson - to ask Commissioner **Newman** to read the 2015 Fire District Proposed Budget Summary: (The Budget Summary is attached)

Nelson - The Public Hearing is now open for any discussion or questions regarding the 2015 Annual Budget. Nelson asked is there any discussion or questions regarding the 2015 Budget? There was no discussion nor questions. There being no further discussion, Nelson declared the Public Hearing portion of this meeting closed.

Newman – The Board has satisfied all budget preparation and filing requirements to date, the most recent being the Public Hearing on the Budget this evening. The next step is to adopt the 2015 Fire District Budget as presented earlier. To do so, Newman read and offered the following Resolution:

2015 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION
Board of Fire Commissioners
TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
Monmouth County
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Township of Ocean Fire District No. 1 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, has been presented for adoption before the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Ocean Fire District No. 1 at its open public meeting of January 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et. seq.), and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects total Revenues of \$2,090,374, which includes the amount to be raised by taxation of \$1,656,694, and total Appropriations of \$2,090,374; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February in each established fire district to determine the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Ocean Fire District No. 1, at an open public meeting held on January 5 2015, that the Annual Budget of the Township of Ocean Fire District No. 1 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 is hereby adopted and shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$2,090,374, which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$1,656,694, and Total Appropriations of \$2,090,374; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an annual election shall be held on the third Saturday of February to determine the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year, the results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipal Assessor.

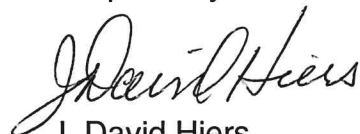
The Resolution was second by Williams. There were no questions on the Resolution. Roll call vote:

Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
S. Nelson	XX			
J. Hiers				XX
T. Reu				XX
R. Williams	XX			
S. Newman	XX			

Nelson – This concludes the Special Meeting. Thank you to those who came out this evening to hear the 2015 Budget. We will now go into our regular meeting. The public hearing adjourned 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



J. David Hiers
Fire District Administrator

Ocean Township Fire District # 1
2015 Budget Summary

OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

Total Paid Positions	\$ 402,914
Employee Benefits	268,462
Elections	1,900
Memberships & Subscriptions	7,250
Office Expenses	37,000
Professional Fees	43,500
Travel Expense	24,500
Advertising	2,000
Insurance	50,000
Maintenance & Repairs	254,500
Memberships/Dues	3,500
Professional Fees - District Doctor	4,000
Rental Charges - Fire Hydrants	180,000
Materials & Supplies	51,000
Training & Education	13,000
Travel Expense	17,000
Utilities	68,000
Permits, Licenses, Fees & Registration	1,000
Outside Services	45,900
Promotions	7,500
Reimbursement of Expenses	28,500
Uniforms/Personal Equipment	34,000
Other Expenses Offset by Revenue	7,759
Nonbondable Assets	166,327
First Aid/Rescue Squad	103,000
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TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS	1,822,512
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CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	
Capital Outlay	145,000
Debt Service	122,862
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TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	267,862
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TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 2,090,374
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REVENUES

Fund Balance Utilized	\$325,000
Basic Entitlement Grant	6,101
Interest on Investments and Deposits	1,500
Bureau of Fire Prevention	100,079
Other Revenue	1,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	1,656,694
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,090,374
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