



# *Winslow Township Fire District # 1*



January 18, 2024  
Winslow Township Fire District #1  
9 Cedar Brook Road  
Sicklerville, NJ 08081

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

### **WINSLOW TOWNSHIP, FIRE DISTRICT #1**

**MEETING LOCATION: 9 CEDAR BROOK ROAD, SICKLERVILLE, NJ 08081**

### **OPENING OF MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

### **SALUTE TO FLAG:**

All present pledged their Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A brief moment of silence was held.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioner Church, present  
Vice Chairman Iannaco, present  
Treasurer Maschke, present  
Chairman Sirolli, present  
Secretary John E. Smith, present

### **DISTRICT OFFICIAL'S PRESENT:**

Marc Rigberg, Fire Chief  
Steven Silcott, Deputy Chief  
Victor Farinelli, Battalion Chief  
Lorraine Sacco, Business Manager

### **OTHER OFFICIAL'S PRESENT**

None.

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The meeting was announced to be conducted in full compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Law", with Notices was sent to the [Courier Post](#), [Atlantic City Press](#), and the [Record Breeze](#). In addition, due Notice was posted on the Official Bulletin Board of Winslow Township, and the Fire District's Bulletin Board. Emergency exists were also announced. Cell phones were asked to be turned off or placed on silent or vibrate.

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## **PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE 2024 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**

A motion was made by Commissioner Iannaco followed by Commissioner Church seconding the motion to open the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. All were in favor.

Business Manager Sacco explained that the Introduced and Approved Budget was sent to the state and that the state had sent back some information and things that they wanted changed, and along with the Boards amendments. One other item that needed to be listed involved the pension bill which had only gave the base pension bill. The Business Manager indicated that when the retro file was sent to Pension, there was a supplemental bill sent at the beginning of last year; further explaining that ours is outside of the cap but Municipalities are not. Concerns were then expressed about funding this, with the advisement that Pension would include it in this year's bill but that it was not, and will now need to make the adjustment into 2024's budget but since it is outside the cap, it would not affect utilization of any more fund balance and would just need to have the funds allocated. Copies of the amendments were provided to the Board and public. Business Manager Sacco then announced that that the total fund balance had no change but that the amount to be raised by taxation to support the budget did change; going from \$7,533,433.48 to \$7,591,428.08 and that the total anticipated revenues went from \$9,543,569.68, to \$9,601,564.28.

Business Manager Sacco then addressed Appropriations in the amendments, located on page F1 of the State Budget and that Administration went from \$1,231,288.00 to \$1,233,839.22 and that the cost of Operations and Maintenance went from \$7,474,613.18 to \$7,530,056.56l, with the total Appropriations went from \$9,543,569.68 to \$9,601,564.28.

The next area read and explained by Business Manager Sacco was Fund Balance Utilized located on page F2 of the State Budget, with the Unrestricted Fund Balance originally had the \$100,000 the board approved to put into the fund for the purposes of cash out at the time of retirement, to \$1,622,478.20. The Board was then advised that the Restricted fund balance went from \$1,522,478.20 to \$0.00 because there was a small miscommunication with the whole referendum and the way it should have been placed into the budget. in theory assume they spent the whole thing; therefore, it goes into the unrestricted. The auditors were informed this and are on the same page as the state.

Business Manager Sacco then addressed Fringe Benefits and that this contribution originally at \$47,015, going to \$49,566.22 for PERS, with PFRS contribution from \$716,307.00 to \$771,750.38. Business Manager Sacco stated that this concluded the amendments.

There was no one from the public present.

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING-** Commissioner Smith motioned to close the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. Commissioner Church seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**24-01 TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS IN THE 2024 BUDGET-** A motion was by Commissioner Maschke to adopt the amendments in the 2024 budget as presented. Commissioner Iannaco seconded the motion. The time was 6:11 p.m. Chairman Sirolli clarified that the amendments were just to reallocate the money differently then before. Business Manager Sacco confirmed this.

Treasurer Maschke wished to comment on the amount of involvement the Office Staff had with the State without any modifications or adjustments of any sort. During this discussion, Commissioner Maschke indicated that 2025 budget numbers will be brought up at the next finance meeting. He

also stated that it was rewarding to know they didn't have to dispute dollars and cents as previously done. The roll call vote was as follows: Church-yes; Iannaco-yes; Maschke-yes; Sirolli-yes, Smith-yes.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A motion was made by Commissioner Iannaco and seconded by Commissioner Church to open the floor to the public at 6:14 p.m. All were in favor.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-** A motion was made by Commissioner Iannaco and seconded by Commissioner Smith to close public participation at 6:14 p.m. All were in favor.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Church to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. All were in favor.