

January 4, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners

District #3 in the Township of Hanover

County of Morris, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 4, 2024 in accordance with the Public Meeting Act of 1975, Chapter 231. The Board observed a moment of silence for all those who have given their lives in service of their communities and nation.

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Steven Cornine, Gary Keyser, and Shawn Waldron were present. Commissioners Mary Lou DeSimone and Michael Dugan Jr. were absent.

Administrator Schultz, Deputy Administrator Hark Jr., and Asst. Chief Martin were also in attendance.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING: Commissioner Keyser read the following statement of purpose.

This meeting is being held for the purpose of allowing Public commentary on the Fire district's Budget. Copies of the budget have been available in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, as advertised, and additionally have been available on the District's website.

Commissioner Keyser asked Administrator Schultz with a budget Amount to be Raised by Taxation of \$1,893,791 what the average resident's tax bill would be increasing. Administrator Schultz reported that the average assessed value in District 3 is \$460,000 and the 2024 fire tax increase would be \$80/year.

Commissioner Keyser asked if any of the Board had questions on the 2024 budget. There were no questions.

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON THE 2024

BUDGET: Commissioner Cornine made a motion to open the meeting to public commentary on the 2024 budget, seconded by Commissioner Waldron. All were in favor. Commissioners Mary Lou DeSimone and Michael Dugan Jr. were absent.

The meeting was opened to Public Commentary at 6:02 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON THE 2024

BUDGET: Commissioner Waldron made a motion to close the meeting to public commentary on the 2024 budget, seconded by Commissioner Cornine. All were in favor. Commissioners Mary Lou DeSimone and Michael Dugan Jr. were absent.

The meeting was closed to Public Commentary at 6:20 P.M.

Commissioner DeSimone joined the meeting at 6:23 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS: Commissioner Keyser read Resolution 24-01-04-01 Adopting the 2024 Fire District Budget. Commissioner Waldron made a motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Cornine. Commissioners Cornine, Keyser, and Waldron were in favor. Commissioner DeSimone abstained. Commissioner Dugan Jr. was absent.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Commissioner Cornine, seconded by Commissioner Waldron, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Commissioner Dugan Jr. was absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Lou DeSimone, Secretary