

Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4
Wednesday, November 26th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

All the requirements of the “ Open Public Meeting Act “ have been complied with by posting the meeting notice in public locations for ten days. In accordance with NJSA 40A :14-84 the notices were posted at the Firehouse, Post Office, Municipal Clerks Office, Woodbridge Community Center, PNC Bank, and in the Homenews Tribune.

Ladies and gentleman welcome to the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.4. At this time we will dispense with the normal order of business and proceed directly to the matter at hand. The matter at hand is to answer a question by a ballot which I will read. The vote will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. by ballot. Once the last person present has voted, the poll will be closed and the vote counted and certified.

“ Shall the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, of the Township of Woodbridge be authorized to acquire a new fire apparatus for the sum of not more than \$500,000 ? This acquisition would be financed by either a lease purchase agreement or by other authorized methods, with a down payment of \$100,000 provided by existing funds and the balance to be appropriated in future budgets.

Just to give a background to everyone here tonight, this is what the Board of Fire Commissioners is looking to do :

We have a 23 year old Seagrave pumper fire apparatus that had it's motor rebuilt twice in the past four years which was very costly. The Detroit Diesel Allison dealer wanted \$ 50,000 to install a new motor. The apparatus needs to many repairs, and to have it refurbished it would not be cost effective. We are looking to replace the vehicle in the year 2015 or 2016. This purchase would be through a State Co-op purchasing program contract, which expires Nov 30, 2015 after that time there will be a 9% price increase for the 3 year contract. By voting on this public question tonight the Board, and taxpayers will save over \$40,000 just by signing a contract before the end of November 2015. Also another \$5,000 - \$10,000 will be saved in attorney fees by not going out to bid for the apparatus. If this vote were to take place

at the annual fire district election on February 21st, 2015 it will be too late to proceed with the cost savings, because the State of New Jersey, DCA requires any Fire District to wait one year after a election to spend capital funds.

President Jensen, We will now open up the voting on the public question for the purchase of a new fire apparatus. The board will go into recess until the last person has voted.