

## Minutes of BOFC #4 Meeting of Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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The Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting of the District #4 Board of Fire Commissioners was opened by President Dwayne Jensen, the attorney & accountants were not present for this meeting. The pledge of allegiance was said followed by a moment of silence.

### Minutes of the previous meeting:

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Mr Pawol, read the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. Roman, made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Mr. Hughes, all were in favor.

### Rescue Truck Bids:

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One bid was opened from KME Fire Apparatus, for the re-chassis/refurb project. The board of Fire Commissioners will look over the proposal and may award the contract at next months meeting.

### Treasures Report:

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Mr. Hughes, read the treasures report, Mr. Klose, made a motion to accept the report as read and to pay all bills, seconded by Mr. Roman, all were in favor.

### Insurance:

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Mr. Roman, reported that all members of Protection Fire Co. No.1 have returned there application forms for the new life insurance policy, also the first payment has been made to VESOLIFE.

### Fire Hydrants:

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Mr. Klose, reported that he spoke to a rep from the Middlesex Water Company, and they told him that the hydrant on 440 Smith street will be remove after some engineering work is completed.

### Trucks & Equipment:

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Mr. Jensen, reported that he has contacted and met with a service manager from First Priority Fire Apparatus, to have the generator removed from truck 4-2-4 and installed in truck 4-2-5. The Board of Commissioners is still waiting for the bank to process the loan for finance of the lease, which would be used on the rebuild of the Mack tower ladder. Mr. Jensen, also stated that he has given Ken Nagy, petty cash for new wiper blades on all of the districts fire apparatus.

### Communications:

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The fire Company has received a letter from Mayor, John E. McCormac, asking the firefighters in all nine districts to vote for him on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He states that he opponent has made it a central part of his platform to consolidate the nine fire districts under one chief.

Finance:

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Mr. Pawol, reported that there will be a budget workshop for the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in the commissioners office with the accountants to make final adjustments on the 2012 annual budget.

Old Business:

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A new Sony 55" TV has been purchase for the firefighters back room lounge area.

New business:

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Bid spec packages for the rescue truck re-chassis were given out over a two week period by Commissioners, Roman, and Klose. Only two bid packages were pick up by fire apparatus venders, they are KME Fire apparatus and Crimson/Campbell Supply of Edison, the only bid received by the Board of Fire Commissioners on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 pm was from KME.

Also fire chief, Tom Barry, reported that there is no long distance phone service working at the firehouse and he can not send or receive fax messages until the problem is repaired. Mr. Jensen, stated that he has been trying to get the phone company to update the phone service, but he keeps getting the run around from there service reps.

Fire Prevention:

\_\_\_\_\_ No report.

Fire Chief:


\_\_\_\_\_ See attached report.

Public:

\_\_\_\_\_ Nothing to report.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Mr. Hughes, seconded by, Mr. Klose, all were in favor. adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Robert J. Pawol, Secretary Fire District No.4

**KEASBEY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**MONTHLY CHIEFS REPORT**

DATE: October 25, 2011

MEETING :( FIRE DEPT. COMMISSIONERS)

NUMBER OF ALARMS: 14

EQUIPMENT REPORTED OUT OF SERVICE: At this time 3 2 ½ gal pressurized water extinguishers, one with a leaking valve stem and two with bad gauges.

TRAINING: Nothing to report at this time

EXPLORER TRAINING/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Explorer Lt. Thomas Barry IV will soon be joining the ranks of the Fire Department at the November 14 fire company meeting.

FIRE OFFICIALS REPORT: None received at this time

## KEASBEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

### MONTHLY CHIEFS REPORT (CON'T)

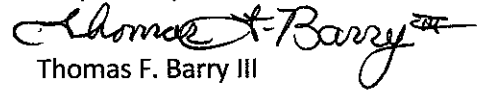
#### MISC.NOTES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Progress on the phone system and being able to dial out of the area code and the fax line not working in the Officers Office (732-738-0355)
2. A list was provided at President Jensen request of cleaning supplies for the fire apparatus.
3. Kyle Koperwhats was assigned to pick a few members to assist him with keeping the fire apparatus clean at his desecration both inside and out.
4. See the attached report concerning issues at the road project at Smith St and Highland Ave.
5. On October 15<sup>th</sup> I asked Capt. Ken Nagy to provide me with a list of supplies he needs to maintain the fire apparatus (i.e. Oil, light bulbs etc). As of this date I still have not received such list.
6. Need the board to develop a plan on how fire officers are to handle storm standbys. Right now there is only a verbal guide but I would like something in writing.
7. FF William Harsanyi will be receiving an award from Governor Christie for his participation during Hurricane Irene. FF Harsanyi stood by at Station 4 for approx 13 hours along with other members until the end of the storm. On Wed. October 19 I received a call from Mayor John McCormac asking me to pick a member who participated with the Fire Dept during the hurricane and that the Governor will be having an awards ceremony on Wednesday October

26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in Trenton for other responders who participated during the hurricane. Myself and Deputy Chief May will be attending the ceremony on Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

8. I submitted my Budget/Equipt list for fiscal year 2012 to the Board.
9. On October 10<sup>th</sup> I submitted a letter to the Protection Fire Co with regards to additional funding to the fire company for the standby during Hurricane Irene. I was informed that no action was taken by the fire company to forward a letter to the Board of Fire Commissioners.
10. Several members are experiencing problems with their pagers. I have been told by these members that the Board does not have any spares left. If that's the case the Board needs to get workable pagers to these members.
11. Request to Board to purchase 2011 NFPA National Fire Code Books. Price is \$1,251.00 for a member and list is \$1,390.00. Also would like to purchase the subscription service for 1 yr at \$945.00 for members. I am currently a member of the NFPA.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas F. Barry III

Chief of Dept.

October 21, 2011

Time: 1504

Re: Construction project at Smith St and Highland Ave. Keasbey, NJ Woodbridge Township

On the above date and time while traveling through the area of the above I observed that there was concrete curbing installed by Lucas Brothers Construction Inc. located at 80 Amboy Rd Morganville, NJ Phone 732-536-6663, as part of a traffic light installation project at the intersection of Smith St and Highland Ave Keasbey. Up to several days prior the Keasbey Fire Department used a cut in the center divider at Smith St and Florida Grove Rd. as an access point to respond into the Keasbey Heights section in the event of an emergency or reported fire as agreed upon with Lucas Brothers Construction and the Woodbridge Police (see report dated July 5, 2011). As of this writing there was no communication received by myself from the contractor nor the police that a permanent median was going to be installed at Smith St and Florida Grove Rd eliminating Fire Dept access. I (Chief Thomas F. Barry III) stopped at the above site on the above date and approached a worker from the construction co and asked who was in charge of the road project. I spoke to a male whose name was not given who was wearing a traffic vest and identified himself as the project inspector and asked where, in the event of an emergency, the fire dept. would be able to access the heights section since there is now a permanent median at Smith St and Florida Grove Rd and traffic barrels with caution tape wrapped around the at Smith St and Highland Ave. He (project inspector) stated that we would be able to use Highland Ave as an access point but would have to move the construction barrels but he would call via cell phone the project manager located down the street from my location. While the project inspector was on the phone I reached out for Woodbridge Emergency Management Coordinator Patrick Kenny, who was familiar with the problems at the construction project from July. I was unable to talk to Pat Kenny whose cell phone went to voice mail but I left a detailed message and requested him to call me back.

At this time, a male approached me and identified himself as Tony, project manager from Lucas Brothers Construction. I immediately expressed my concerns for the change in no longer having access to Florida Grove from Smith St and into the heights section of Keasbey and the lack of communication from the contractor when changes to fire dept response is affected. He stated to me that he (Tony) is being put between "a rock and a hard place" because the Woodbridge Police had an officer (unknown name) at the site earlier that week and told him that they (police) did not want any roads opened or construction barriers moved without their (police) permission and that the unidentified officer that was at the project had wrapped "police caution" tape on the construction barrels on Highland Ave. He also stated that the police did not want the construction barrels moved at Smith and Highland for fear of residents making a left from Highland Ave onto the westbound lanes of Smith St creating the potential for a head on collision. I again expressed my concerns about fire dept. response into this area and the lack on

notification and after several minutes of discussion he agreed to remove some construction machinery and the police caution tape from around the construction barrels on Highland Ave so that in the event of an emergency the fire dept. would be able to turn onto Highland Ave from Smith but would have to move the construction barrels.

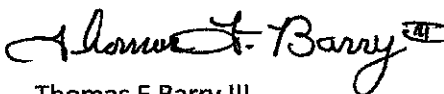
I gave both individuals from Lucas Brothers Construction Co my business card and asked that I be notified when further changes are made that potentially could affect fire department response to please contact me via my cell phone as indicated on my business card. At approx. 1526 I left the scene.

At 1533 on the above date I received a return call on my cell from Woodbridge Emergency Management Coordinator Patrick Kenny and explained the situation at the above location and the lack of communication between the construction co and the police dept when changes are made that affect fire dept response through this area. Pat Kenny asked me if any communications concerning the above was given to the District 4 Fire Official (Frank DellaPietro) and just did not filter down to the fire dept. I stated to him that I could not answer that question because I did not receive any information from our fire official. Pat Kenny then said he will send an email to the Police Director and Deputy Director letting them know of the fire departments concerns and the lack of communication from the Woodbridge Police Traffic Division with regards to this project.

I am hoping that this will open up further lines of communication between police and fire when changes to traffic pattern and road closures occur.

I then sent a text via my cell to all fire officers and drivers of the above change and how it will affect our response. This message was sent on Friday October 21, 2011 at 1654hrs.

This report written on Saturday October 22, 2011 at 0928hrs.



Thomas F. Barry III

Chief of Department

# Mayor John E. 'Mac' McCormac

As you know, there is an election for Mayor, four at-large Council seats and the Third Ward Council position on November 8, 2011.

I am seeking re-election to another four year term as Mayor. The existing Council-at-large slate of Jim Carroll, Greg Ficarra, and Brenda Velasco is also seeking re-election. At-large Councilman Kyle Anderson and Third Ward Councilwoman Michele Charnello are seeking their first election after being appointed to open seats in the past year.

There are several issues in this campaign but there is clearly one that should concern you as members of one of our nine different fire companies.

My opponent has made it a central part of his platform to consolidate the nine fire districts in Woodbridge Township under one Chief. A recent media story said **"They also have the Township's Fire Departments on their agenda. Instead of having nine fire chiefs for nine firehouses, it should be consolidated into one chief position, Struben said..."**

This is not a position that is shared by me or the candidates running with me for Township Council. We all believe that the fire districts run incredibly well and that there is absolutely no reason to change our change our system of fire protection in any way.

We only have to look to last month and Hurricane Irene to see how well our current system works. The response of our emergency responders was unbelievable and the envy of every town around us.

An old saying says "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". Well that is the way I feel about our nine fire districts and the job you do, day in and day out, to keep our Woodbridge residents safe.

Please post this in your firehouse for your members to see it.

Thanks and you can be assured of our support in the future.

Best regards,



John McCormac



3:13 PM

10/20/11

Accrual Basis

**Keasbey Fire District # 4**  
**OCTOBER 2011 BILL LIST**  
 September 28 through October 25, 2011

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>Columbia - Voucher</b>				
10/06/2011	10842	AUTO RITE	Repair to Utility Van	-708.20
10/13/2011	10843	VESOLIFE	Volunteer Life Insurance Policy	-200.83
10/25/2011	10849	BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIO...	Dispatch - October 2011 - December 2011	-9,450.00
10/25/2011	10850	CASAZZA & UR, PUBLIC ACC...	Monthly Fee - October 2011	-1,000.00
10/25/2011	10851	MIDDLESEX WATER CO	Hydrant Bill - October 2011	-3,857.24
10/25/2011	10852	GARY BATISTA	Kitchen Caretaker - October 2011	-50.00
10/25/2011	10853	JOHN MANNA	Janitor - October 2011	-400.00
10/25/2011	10854	ACE WALCO PEST CONTROL	Bi-Monthly Service	-62.68
10/25/2011	10855	Johnny's Service Center	Replaced (8) exhaust studs & manifold gasket-2000 Expedition	-372.03
10/25/2011	10856	Middlesex Water - Building	Acct# 4350200000 - Water Usage - 06/21/11 to 9/23/11	-287.08
10/25/2011	10857	The Star Ledger	Account #1135477 - Public Notice - 08/29/11	-26.68
10/25/2011	10858	VERIZON	Phone Bill - 732-738-4343	-218.23
10/25/2011	10859	HOME NEWS TRIBUNE	Acct# 099467 - Rescue Truck chassis proj Ad	-76.04
10/25/2011	10860	AIR & GAS TECHNOLOGIES	PM Service on SCBA Air Bottles	-979.70
10/25/2011	10862	FIRST HEALTH	Physical - Dillon Jensen	-50.00
10/25/2011	10863	Protection Fire Co #1	Reimbursement - New TV & Accessory for Backroom Firehouse	-1,526.82
10/25/2011	10864	SILENT COMPANION CORP	Annual Alarm & Fire Monitoring Fee	-220.00
10/25/2011	10865	STANDARD WASTE SERVICE	Garbage Removal - October 2011	-66.00
10/25/2011	10866	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	Account #8958008661 - Online	-55.36
10/25/2011	10867	Drive to Survive	Driver Awareness Course - Colonia Fire Dept - May 6, 2011 - ...	-60.00
10/25/2011	10868	Middlesex County Fire Academy	Firefighter I - D. Jensen	-236.00
10/25/2011	10869	Protection Fire Co #1	Firefighter Stand-by During Hurricane on 8/27/11	-1,500.00
10/25/2011	10870	VERIZON WIRELESS	Acct# 682435717-00001 - Cell Phones	-126.53
10/25/2011	10871	Protection Fire Co #1	2011 Stipend	-14,500.00
10/25/2011	10872	VESOLIFE	Volunteer Life Insurance Policy	-200.83
10/25/2011	10873	AVAYA	Service Agreement - Merlin Telephones	-83.81
Total Columbia - Voucher				-36,314.06
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-36,314.06</b>

# BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT NO. 4

420 SMITH ST, PO BOX 84  
KEASBEY, NEW JERSEY 08832

October 25, 2011

## Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 493,101.49
Deposits	0.00
Interest	164.84
Payroll	( 2,750.00)
Payroll Tax Adjustment	(160.01)
Disbursements & Adjustments	( <u>36,549.77</u> )
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 453,806.55