

**Board of Fire Commissioners
District 2, Howell Township Fire Company No. 1
Adelphia, NJ 07710**

August 29, 2022

SPECIAL MEETING

Notice of time, date, location, and agenda of the meeting, to the extent then known, was duly published in accordance with the requirements of the "Open Public Meeting Act" at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting by posting and by publication in the official newspapers of the district.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Robert Tice, at 8:00 PM.

A Roll call was taken showing George Patten, Frank Biddle III, Doug Howlett, Robert Tice, and Kathleen Carter present. The Chairman then led all in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting was called to act on the Howell Radio System and the proposed repair of same. The Township of Howell needs all five Fire Districts to approve going forward with the project before they can proceed. The Township of Howell will bond the entire project and the five Fire Districts, and the Township of Howell will split the costs accordingly. The proposed bond will be for seven (7) to ten (10) years. Each Fire District was asked to make a resolution stating that they would be onboard with the project and ask the voters of each Fire District to approve the spending of at least \$1,000,000.00 per District.

The Township of Howell needs each Fire District to make this resolution before September 1, 2022. Each Fire District would then hold a Special Vote to get the Taxpayers approval. This vote would take place on October 29, 2022. All five Fire District would hold this vote on the same day from the hours of 2PM to 9PM. The Special Vote would be held using paper ballots because the County of Monmouth is using the voting machines during that time for early voting.

Chairman Bob Tice went over most of the particulars of this radio system repair. Frank asked many questions as he missed the last several meetings with the Township and the Joint Boards. After some time, a resolution was offered by George Patten and seconded by Doug Howlett, to move forward with the project and ask the voters of Fire District #2 Howell Township to approve the spending of \$1,000,000.00. A roll call vote was taken.

Robert Tice	yes
George Patten	yes
Frank Biddle III	yes
Doug Howlett	yes
Kathleen Carter	yes

The Chairman asked the Fire Company to attend this meeting to go over some needs of the Fire Company and the possible help the Fire District could extend to them.

Fire Company President, George Gravatt Jr., gave a very nice power point program detailing a host of projects the Fire Company will have to take action on within the next ten (10) years or so. The first question asked was the possibility of the Board to raise the rent they pay to the Fire Company. The State of New Jersey only allows line items in the Fire Districts Budget to be raised by 10%, without getting special approval.

Several members of the Fire Company were on hand and spoke on behalf of the Company. There was a lot of back and forth and most all questions were answered. The Board thanked the Fire Company for their presentation and said that this information would be helpful when planning the 2023 Fire District Budget.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.