**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO 1**

**IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**DECEMBER 2018**

**December 3, 2018**

**Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Pharo.**

**Roll Call**

**Chairman Pharo, Vice Chairman Baginsky, Secretary Higbee, Commissioner Lupton, Clerk Rothman**

**Public on hand 6**

**Minutes of November 5 were approved as recorded.**

**Motion to pay bills 1st Pharo 2ed Baginsky.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Mr. Higbee gave the following report,**

1. **The air compressor project should be completed by early 2019. Will report when more information is available.**
2. **Dr. Ken Lavell was at the Fortescue station on November 26. He introduced himself to the body of members. He also went over some policies that we will need go over for the by laws of company. He was paid for a one-year term.**
3. **The parts are in to fix the siren at the Newport station.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Chairman Pharo opened to the public and asked that the Secretary hand out copies of the proposed 2019 budget to anyone attending the meeting. Chairman Pharo gave an update as to where the budget stands with the division of finance. At the current time the proposed 2019 budget has not yet been approved, at this time we will only be discussing the proposed 2019 budget. We will adopt the budget at the January meeting.**

**Secretary Higbee reviewed the proposed 2019 budget and explained the reasons for the need of an increase in 2019. The rising insurance and medical (mandatory physicals) were just a couple reasons. The proposed 2019 budget will show an operating budget of $223,479.00 which is an increase of $15,400.00 and is increase of .09 cents per $100.00 of assets property value. This will reflect a tax rate of 17.6 cents per $100.00 of assessment. No questions were asked by the public and no further recommendations were offered by the board of fire commissioners. Chairman Pharo reminded everyone that another public hearing will occur in January and then closed the public portion of the meeting. The finial adoption for the 2019 budget will take place in January.**

**Resolution # 18-9 was passed authorizing the transfer of funds.**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

**Money Market - $246,426.32**

**Checking Account - $5,391.10**