**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO 1**

**IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE**

**COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**NOVEMBER 2018**

**November 5, 2018**

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

**Roll call**

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

**Public on hand 6**

**Minutes of October were approved as recorded.**

**Motion to pay bills, 1st Higbee, 2ed Lupton**

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

1. **The air compressor will be moved from the Fortescue station to the Newport station. A report will be given next month as to when this will be completed.**
2. **The Newport siren is off line at the present time. Asst. Chief Burt will take care of this and report back.**
3. **The ballads around the propane tanks are installed and will be painted by spring.**
4. **The new Medical Director will be ready to start the month of December. Assist. Chief Robertson stated that on November 26 he will be at the Fortescue station to meet with fire co. members to go over EMS policies and procedures as well as to introduce himself.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**The proposed budget for 2019 was introduced at this time. Secretary had copies available for review. In 2018 the cost of insurance had increased an additional $5,000.00. due to OSHA required physicals on members at a cost of $300.00 each, and the rise in fuel cost it is necessary to increase the 2019 budget in the amount of $13,099.00. This was added to the 2019 budget to offset any shortfalls in monies along with the unknown loss of retable’s in Money Island.**

**The 2019 budget will show the amount to be raised by taxation to be $225,009.00 with a total appropriation showing $252,409.00. that amount will reflect a 0.01 cent increase or 17.7 cents per $100.00 of assessment.**

**Chairman Pharo asked for a roll call vote on the proposed 2019 budget.**

**Higbee (Yes), Baginsky (Yes), Beardsworth (Yes), Lupton (Yes), Pharo (Yes).**

**With a 5 – 0 vote in favor of the proposed 2019 budget.**

**Secretary Higbee will Forward two (2) copies to division in Trenton for approval. He will also advertise for a public hearing on the budget to be held on December 3ed at 6:00pm at the Fortescue Station.**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

**Money Market - $246,429.29**

**Checking Account - $51,555.74**