

## **BTFD #2 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

### **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**December 17, 2024**

**Meeting Called to Order 7:05 pm at the BTFD#2 Fire House.**

**Salute to the Flag and Moment of Silence observed**

#### **ROLL CALL By Chair Jim Cann:**

Robert Bennett Absent George Chidley, Present, Andrew Law Present, George Gareis, Absent, Jim Cann, Present.

#### **READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:**

By Secretary (see Agenda)

#### **REVIEW OF THE 2025 BUDGET**

Chief MacFarland discussed the proposed revisions to the 2025 Budget to be reviewed by NJ DCA. Budget Summary Sheets and Appropriation Detail Sheets were provided to the BTFD#2 Commissioners. The budget will result in an increase in taxation in compliance with the 2% Budget CAP. Chief anticipated submitting the 2025 Annual Budget to the Township and DCA so that it can be adopted and the next Special Meeting scheduled for January 16, 2025. CAP Compliant Budget Resolution 2025-0010 for \$3,506,334.32 was introduced.

#### **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:**

At 7:15 pm Chair Jim Cann requested a motion to open the meeting to the public and George Chidley made a motion to open the meeting to the public prior to budget approval and the motion was seconded by Andrew Law. All members present affirmed the motion to open the meeting for public comment.

Lt. Kyle Ashbrand asked if the BTFD#2 had a question about banking/investments and was advised that State Laws prohibited the Commissioners from asking for monies for public monies beyond its demonstrated needs. There were no additional members of the public present. Chair Jim Cann requested a motion to close the meeting for public comment. A motion was made by George Chidley to close the meeting for Public Comment and seconded by Andrew Law. All members present affirmed the motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

#### **BUDGET ADOPTION:**

Two resolutions were presented by Chair Jim Cann for consideration:

- **Resolution 2025 0010** Chair requested a motion and George Chidley made a motion to introduce CAP Compliant Budget (\$3,506,334.32) and the motion was seconded by Andrew Law. A roll call ballot was taken and the Resolution was approved by all members present:  
Robert Bennett ABSENT  
George Chidley YES  
George Gareis ABSENT  
Andrew Law YES  
Jim Cann YES
- **Resolution 2025-0011 Commissioner 2025 Salaries.** Chair requested a motion and Andrew Law made a motion to approve the 2025 Salaries that was seconded by George Chidley. A roll call ballot was taken and the Resolution was approved by all members present:  
Robert Bennett ABSENT  
George Chidley YES  
George Gareis ABSENT  
Andrew Law YES  
Jim Cann YES

NOTE: At 7:25 pm Chair Jim Cann requested asked if there were any members of the public present that wished to bring anything before the Commissioners. No members of the public presented themselves.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Chair, Jim Cann requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Law and Seconded by George Chidley. All present balloted to affirm the motion and the meeting was closed at 7:31 pm.

#### **MINUTES APPROVED on January 16, 2025**

Robert Bennett, \_\_\_\_ABSENT  
George Chidley \_\_X  
George Gareis ABSENT  
Andrew Law \_\_\_\_X  
Jim Cann \_\_\_\_X

#### **CERTIFIED BY:**

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George Chidley, Secretary  
BTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners

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Jim Cann, Chair  
BTFD#2 Board of Fire Commissioners