

**West Deptford Township  
Emergency Service Coordinating Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2014**

The Emergency Services Coordinating Council held their regular monthly meeting on Monday September 8, 2014. Chief Nordaby called the meeting to order at 1935 hours, he then led the Flag salute and distributed the sign in sheets. Chief Zimm made a motion to approve the June 9, 2014 minutes which was seconded by Mr. Powell. Motion was carried unanimously with suggested edits to the minutes.

**In Attendance**

Colonial Manor	Rep. Chief Kevin Nordaby	Present
	Alt. Thomas Pickering II	Present
Greenfields	Rep. Chief Marty Matson	Present
	Alt. Dave Raso	Present
Thorofare	Rep. Chief Phil Zimm	Present
	Alt. Brian Golle	Absent
Verga	Rep. Brian Sorrentino	Absent
	Alt. Scott Powell	Present
Mayor	Mayor Ray Chintall	Present
Public Safety Chairman	Committeeman Jerry Maher	Present
Mayor's Alternate	Brandon Umba	Present
Township Liaison	John Austin	Present
Citizen at Large	Mike Nahas	Present
Citizen at Large	Chief Samuel DiSimone	Present
Recording Secretary	Robert S. Cargill II	Present
Emergency Management Coordinator	Joe Gill	Absent
Vehicle Maintenance	Troy DePrince	Present
Public Works	Matt Moore	Present

**Fire Official's Report**

1. See attached report from Mr. Austin.
2. Mr. Austin reported all life hazards are accounted for and there's been an overall 20% increase in revenue.
3. The Township has purchased 6 KNOX boxes for the Township garages areas and throughout.

**SOG**

None

**Vehicle Maintenance Report**

Mr. DePrince stated that all pump and hose testing is complete and chassis PMs are forthcoming. There was discussion of Budd and their convenience of pump testing.

**Training Committee:**

Scheduled meetings for the Training Committee held on August 19 and again September 16. In October and November on Tuesday & Wednesday.

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**Township Chief's Meeting**

Chief Nordaby provided an update to the 5-year plan which is attached. Committeeman Maher asked about the thought process behind ideas that were put forth which lead to the affirmative discussion of the members of the ESCC being part of future budget hearings as the budget is being developed. CAL Nahas offered his assistance as a liaison to the reduction of 3 companies from 4, which would lead to collaborative training for ISO purposes. CAL Nahas talked about ways to implement billing for services to build a steady stream of income, without an influx of paperwork. Committeeman Maher asked for some back up information that may be available from a neighboring town.

**Gloucester County Chief's meeting**

None

**Township Liaison:**

None

**Mayor:**

None

**Mayor's Alternate**

None

**Public Safety Chairman**

None

**Citizens at Large**

None

**Master Plan:**

Chief Nordaby will print out and provide once further modifications are made.

**OEM**

None

**Old Business**

Chief Zimm commented on the following items:

- Asked if the Township can move faster to sell older apparatus when bringing in new to preserve the equity in the older truck.
- Announced that Mr. Edmonds is doing well after surgery and asked if the workers compensation for his was moving forward to which could not be discussed due to litigation and workman's comp discrepancies.
- Discussed who is heading down to the Convention this upcoming weekend in Wildwood.
- Announced that Thorofare have received 3 sets of turnout gear

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Committeeman Maher asked that group when we can expect gear lists ready; Chief Nordaby commented he is still waiting for last year's outstanding; and, Chief Zimm replied that Thorofare's list will be ready for October meeting.

Committeeman Maher started the conversation in regard to moving forward to purchase fire trucks. Chief Zimm made the motion, and Mr. Powell provided the second on the purchase of the fire trucks. Mr. Umba warned the ESCC that although the motion stands, and even with an affirmative vote, that a purchase order will not be produced by the Township unless the costs are within the \$1,000,000.00 threshold to ensure that the allocated funds are available. In addition Mr. Umba clarified that the Township is still awaiting state approval for the contracts. Chief Nordaby asked questions in regard to a timeline was in effect regarding the Sunoco donation. A conversation ensued to determine if the Township should cover the balance for the trucks and the delivery time frame and penalties thereof. Committeeman Maher stated that he would not support the Township finding the apparatus balance due to overall cutbacks amongst the Township's fleet. Therefore, he asked the Verga and Colonial Manor Chiefs to review the bid specs again, and make their own final decisions without the Township micro-managing. Several members of the Board stated it was their understanding these 2 trucks represented cutbacks of the 3 current apparatus. Chief Ferriola came forward to weigh in on the costs being cut on Verga's part and asked for the Township to meet him halfway. In a comparison the ESCC talked about the last 2 apparatus purchases, which Chief Matson was instrumental. He stated the procedure was to stay within the Township's budget and each fire company paid for the additional items they wanted. Mayor Chintall stated his thoughts on how capital purchases should be made moving forward. After discussion prompted by Committeeman Maher, Chief Zimm motioned to amend the motion on the floor the purchases stay within \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Powell seconded the motion and with no further questions, and a unanimous affirmative vote, the motion carried.

**New Business**

None

**Public Comment**

Rick Harris commented on the Master Plan/5 Year Plan and consolidation of fire companies. This would much easier flow if a merger were to take place and operate as 1 unit, instead of 4 independent companies. Personal feelings need to be put aside and work cohesively for the Township residents. He also asked for the Chief's to work out the finance end. He answered pointed questions of examples of how this could be accomplished. The conversation of how a West Deptford Fire Company would be formed and all the needs that are required to start a municipal fire company.

CAL Nahas talked about fire chiefs have to get buy in of numbers to move forward with merger.

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Chief Zimm asked Mr. Umba on the status of purchasing command vehicles. Mr. Umba replied that while they haven't yet been ordered, specs for new command vehicles will be the same as police interceptors and therefore will fall under the same state contracts as police contracts. Mr. Umba said that he will consider suggestions from the Chiefs if their suggestions fall within set price range. Chief Matson expressed discontent with the placement of the fire trucks at WD Day and requested a committee represent the firemen when planning WD Day in the future.

Mr. Raso noted that he has been doing grants since 2000-2002 and has always offered to help other fire companies; furthermore, he voiced concerns that if the Township starts billing we will lose donations.


At 2114 hours Committeeman Maher made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Powell. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert S. Cargill II

Recording Secretary

Adopted on:

  
10/20/2014

MAYOR  
RAYMOND CHINTALL



FIRE OFFICIAL  
JOHN H. AUSTIN

## WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP

### BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

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TO: Emergency Services Council  
FROM: John H. Austin, Fire Official  
DATE: October 20, 2014  
RE: Report for the Bureau of Fire Prevention: **September 2014**

#### REVENUE

Life Hazard Fees:	\$ 0
Local Business Fees:	\$ 3,180.00
Permit Fees:	\$ 2,072.00
Other Penalty/Reports:	\$ 25.00
TOTAL:	\$ 5,277.00

#### INSPECTIONS/REINSPECTIONS

John	Dave
17 / 5	3/0

#### FIRE INVESTIGATIONS/COMPLAINTS:

9-11 800 Grove Rd. Lipman / Fire Alarm

9-13 550 Jessup Rd. Manor Care/ Building

9-24 286 Mantua Grove Rd. Coim / Building

New Business:

N/A

TOTAL MONEY FOR THE YEAR AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014: \$122,793.31