



Cherry Hill Board of Fire Commissioners

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MINUTES WORKSHOP MEETING **DECEMBER 12, 2023**

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting was posted on the Fire District and Township of Cherry Hill bulletin board designed for that purpose. Notice was published in the official newspapers on May 19, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER

Public meeting call to order at 19:00 hours .

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

ARROYO	PRESENT
DORAN	PRESENT
KELLY	ABSENT
LIPSETT	PRESENT
MULHOLLAND	PRESENT

Also present: Fire Chief Houlihan, AC DeLucca, AC McGeady, BC Houck, MSO Croshaw, CFO Foley and PA Fiorentini.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- BC Houck reported that the Department is conducting Building Construction Training; the new FF Recruits have been assigned to the field units.
- EMS Lt. Croshaw reported that the new Full time EMT's have started working shifts; the three new ambulances are being prepared for service and staffing levels have been improving.
- AC McGeady reported that seven new career EMTs are preparing to come on board along with three new per diem EMTs.
- Fire Chief Houlihan briefed the Board on the response plan for Maple Shade Township; a Chief's Order has been issued outlining the CHFD response protocols.
- Fire Chief Houlihan reviewed the 2024 proposed budget with the two scenarios that were previously provided to the Board members that propose a 5% increase and a 7% increase. Some of the major cost drivers requiring an investment are increases in the EMS staffing levels, Per Diem EMT salary increases, and increases in facility and equipment costs. The

Board reviewed the impact each tax increase would have on the average homeowner in Cherry Hill. After discussion, it was the unanimous consensus of the Board to proceed with budget model that includes a 7% tax increase.

PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSE OF MEETING

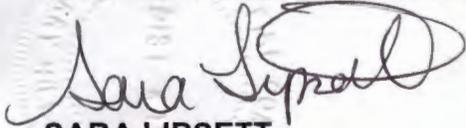
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No public comments received.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner Doran to adjourn meeting at 19:30 hours. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



**SARA LIPSETT
CLERK, B.O.F.C. DIST. #13**