



MOORESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DISTRICT No. 1

WINTER 2011

NEW JERSEY'S OLDEST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Letter from the Board Chairman

The Year 2010 was eventful for the Fire District. In March we received notice that we would be receiving a federal grant in the amount of \$169,575 to purchase all new firefighter breathing apparatus. This equipment has since been obtained and placed into service after many hours of training by our volunteer firefighters.

In November the Fire Department accepted delivery of a new Pierce Fire Engine which has been placed in service at the Relief Engine Company station on Chester Avenue. This purchase was authorized by the voters in 2008 and was brought in under budget at \$468,500. This truck replaced a unit that was 23 years old and not a candidate for refurbishment.

Committees appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners have worked hard this year to plan and provide for the Fire Department's future. The Planning Committee has identified our future capital costs, which are continually rising and present a challenge in the preparation of future budgets. This year's budget does not call for any increase in the current tax rate of 4.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, even though valuations have declined, once again, in the District. Monies originally budgeted in 2010 for the purchases of the breathing apparatus have been dedicated to future capital equipment costs. Operating costs are also being closely monitored and cut where possible to maintain our current tax rate.

The District is participating with the Township, School District, Library and Fire District No. 2 to find ways to share costs and reduce expenses. The work is continuing and we hope that some of our costs can be reduced by combining efforts.

An ever present challenge for the Fire Department is membership. As a volunteer fire department, our members are our core asset. Constant effort is being made to recruit new members and retain the members we have. Responding to over 700 calls annually in addition to weekly training sessions creates a heavy burden for our volunteers. Every effort is being made to reduce unnecessary alarm activations and other nuisance calls that don't require fire company response. Please think about becoming a member. Your volunteers are saving taxpayers millions of dollars every year.

Sincerely,

Karl A. Shelley
Board Chairman

Remember to Vote February 19th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 19, 2011** **Annual Fire District Election**
Polling place: **Emergency Services Building, 261 W. Main Street, 2-9pm**
- April 21-23, 2011** **Relief Engine Co. Easter Flower Sale**
- Beginning May 9, 2011** **Moorestown First Aid & Emergency Squad Annual Fund Drive**
- October 14, 2011** **Fire Prevention Open House, 7-9pm**

ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT No. 1 ELECTION

Saturday, February 19, 2011

The annual election for the voters of the Fire District to approve the 2011 Annual Budget and elect two Fire Commissioners will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the Emergency Services Building (Hose Co. No. 1) located at 261 W. Main Street. The polls are open from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm as established by State law. Entrance to the polling place is through the rear of the building by the entrance driveway.

The registered voters of the Fire District will be asked to elect two individuals to membership for a three-year term on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Incumbent Fire Commissioners R. Max Fisher and Stephen H. Bixby are running for the full three-year terms.

This year's budget asks for \$1,748,893 to be raised by taxation resulting in a tax rate of .048 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This rate includes debt service for a building improvement authorization approved by the voters on December 28, 2002 and the purchase of three pieces of fire apparatus approved by the voters on September 20, 2003.

On the ballot will be an additional question; approval to replace a fire inspector vehicle and a command vehicle in Year 2012. The amount of this purchase shall not exceed \$60,000.

The owner of a 2010 average assessed home of \$537,400 will pay \$257.95 in fire taxes in 2011. The budget is subject to final adoption upon voter approval.

YEAR	RATE	AMOUNT RAISED BY TAXATION
2011	.048	\$ 1,748,893
2010	.048	\$ 1,746,151
2009	.046	\$ 1,643,436
2008 (Year of Revaluation)	.040	\$ 1,456,000
2007	.089	\$ 1,347,700
2006	.089	\$ 1,327,300
2005	.089	\$ 1,308,000

Vote by Mail Ballot applications are available at the Burlington County Clerk's office (609-265-5122) or on the Moorestown District No. 1's website @ www.moorestownfire.org.



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Board of Fire Commissioners



FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2011

S A M P L E B A L L O T

OFFICE TITLE	COLUMN 1	PERSONAL CHOICE	PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED UPON																										
FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS Full Term (Vote for TWO)	STEPHEN H. BIXBY <input type="checkbox"/>	(USE KEYBOARD BELOW) WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSITION 1</p> <p>Shall the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$1,748,893.00) be raised by taxation for the following general operating expenses?</p> <table style="width: 100%; font-size: x-small;"> <tr> <td>OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ADMINISTRATIONS:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 373,752.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">896,861.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET WITH REVENUES:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">244,512.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">45,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>RESERVE FOR FUTURE CAPITAL OUTLAYS:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">155,400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PRINCIPAL:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 225,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND INTEREST:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">33,465.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,873,993.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LESS TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE UTILIZED:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ -225,100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 1,748,893.00</td> </tr> </table>	OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS:		ADMINISTRATIONS:	\$ 373,752.00	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE:	896,861.00	OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET WITH REVENUES:	244,512.00	LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM:	45,000.00	CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS:		RESERVE FOR FUTURE CAPITAL OUTLAYS:	155,400.00	DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS:		GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PRINCIPAL:	\$ 225,000.00	GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND INTEREST:	33,465.00	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$ 1,873,993.00	LESS TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE UTILIZED:	\$ -225,100.00	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION:	\$ 1,748,893.00
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			<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSITION 2</p> <p>Shall an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 be approved to finance the purchase of a new Command Vehicle and Fire Inspection Vehicle for Fire District No. 1?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>																										

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:

1. Press the button to the right of the candidate of your choice. A green X will appear signifying your selection.
2. To change any selection, press the button again. The green X will go off, and you may make a new selection.
3. To vote in favor of a proposition or proposal, press the button next to the word "YES." To vote against a proposition or proposal, press the button next to the word "NO." A green X will appear next to your selection.
4. To change your vote in favor of or against a proposition or proposal, press the button again. The green X will go off, and you may cast a new vote.
5. If you wish to cast a write-in vote, go to the Personal Choice column, then:
 - Press the button on the same line as the office for which you want to cast a write-in vote. A blinking green X will appear.
 - Go down to the keyboard and type the name of your write-in candidate one letter at a time.
 - To make a space between first and middle name or initial and last name use the arrow pointing to the right on the keyboard.
 - To make a correction, use the arrow pointing to the left.
 - The name you enter will appear in the display to the left of the keyboard. Be sure the name appears correctly.
 - When you have completed typing the name, press the ENTER key on the keyboard panel. Once you have pressed the Enter key on the keyboard, you will be unable to change that write-in vote. Each write-in vote requires a separate entry.
 - Do not press the CAST VOTE button until all other choices are completed.

WARNING! An improperly cast write-in vote will be deemed void. Be sure that your write-in vote is cast in the PERSONAL CHOICE column on the same line as the office for which you are casting the write-in vote.

6. After completing all your selections, press the CAST VOTE button located in the lower right hand corner of the machine. This electronically records all of your votes.
7. Part the curtains and exit the voting booth.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Karl A. Shelley, Chairman
R. Max Fisher, Vice Chairman
Charles H. Schuster, Secretary/Clerk
Samuel J. Schlindwein, Treasurer
Stephen H. Bixby, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT OFFICE PERSONNEL:

Christopher M. Chesner, District Administrator
Angie E. Williams, Administrative Clerk
Robert J. Worrell, Fire Official/Fire Marshal
Richard V. Bickmore, Sr., Training Officer
Ritchie B. Bowman, Fire Apparatus Mechanic
Pamela A. Longo, Senior Clerk Typist
Brenda M. Wolfe, Clerk
Kenneth J. Schweiker, Fire Prevention Specialist/
Assistant Fire Marshal
Carl L. Githens, Jr., Building Maintenance Worker

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Anthony S. Green, Chief
Thomas B. Poole, Asst. Chief
Peter D. Witkowski, Battalion Chief/Station 311
Jeffrey D. Nutt, Battalion Chief/Station 312
Edgar R. Thomas II, Captain/Station 311
Joshua R. Hall, Captain/Station 312
David E. Chezem, Lieutenant/Station 311
Christopher Konzelmann, Lieutenant/Station 312
Thomas E. Keyes, Jr., Fire Police Captain
Jeffrey Boileau, Fire Police Lieutenant
Frances C. Collins, Fire Police Lieutenant
Chaplain, Rev. Philip W. Stowell

ACTIVE FIREFIGHTERS:

Richard V. Bickmore, Sr.
Stephen H. Bixby
Richard M. Booth, Jr.
Peter R. Bowman
Ritchie B. Bowman
Christopher M. Chesner
James T. Clancy Jr.
Jonathan S. Clifford
Peter D. Clifford
William David Constantine, Jr.
Ernest J. Dimeo III
Declan J. Dwyer
John D. Engleman
Jon E. Every-Clayton
Thomas C. Fischer
R. Max Fisher
Michael J. Furey
Joseph J. Giorgi
Joseph J. Giorgi III
Carl L. Githens, Jr.
Jeff S. Gullo
Bradley R. Holden
Andrew C. Huston
Michael S. Johnson
Bradley J. Kenney
Douglas R. Lynch
David J. Mann
Kevin R. Middleton
Jason M. Miller
Kyle T. Mohen
Naoji Moriuchi
Eric J. Pluckhorn

Juan M Santiago, Jr.
Samuel J. Schlindwein
Johnathan P. Schweiker
Kenneth J. Schweiker
Andrew C. Stowell
Rev. Philip W. Stowell
Kjell G. Tornberg
Leif I. Tornberg
Joseph P. Toscani
Michael G. Toscani
Matthew J. Walsh
Michael J. Warren
James R. West
Dean A. Wiltshire
Steven P. Wolfe

FIRE POLICE MEMBERS:

Steven Hearn, Sr.
Elizabeth S. Peterson
Charles Howard Schuster
Jeffrey A. Tait

JUNIOR AUXILIARY:

Jeffrey M. Dever
Evan Kolodziejczak
Gavin J. Lentz
Robert O'Donnell
Newton J. Piccone
John F. Roccato
Luke A. Stewart
Gerard A. Toscani
Jason P. Witkowski

RESERVE MEMBERS:

Richard V. Bickmore, Jr.
Arthur J. Collins, III
William David Constantine, Sr
Patrick Curran
Walter L. Evans
Ryndi A. Green-Coney
Craig M. Holzinger
Ralph Kohart
James O. Lawler
Gregory D. Leonberg, Sr.
Douglas T. Oyama
Douglas Robertson
Jeffrey T. Wolfe
Robert J. Worrell

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Moorestown, NJ 08057

Moorestown Hose Company No. 1
261 West Main Street
P.O. Box 691
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Relief Engine Company
222 Chester Avenue
P.O. Box 215
Moorestown, NJ 08057