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FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT

**Fire District No. 1
Township of Moorestown, Burlington County
FEBRUARY 21, 2009**

Polling Place:
Emergency Services Building
261 W. Main Street Peter R. Bowman, Clerk

To vote for any person whose name appears on this ballot, mark a cross ☒ or plus (+) mark with ink or pencil in the place or square at the left of the name of such person.

For membership to the Board of Fire Commissioners-
Full Term. **Vote for ONE**

Fred T. Moriuchi

Karl A. Shelley

To vote for any proposition appearing below on this ballot, mark a cross ☒ or plus (+) mark with ink or pencil in the square to the left of and opposite the word **YES**.

To vote against any proposition appearing below on this ballot, mark a cross ☒ or plus (+) mark with ink or pencil in the square to the left of and opposite the word **NO**.

YES Shall the sum of One Million Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$1,838,000.00) be raised by taxation for the following general operating expenses?

NO

OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS:	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 401,051.00
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	1,108,427.00
OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET WITH REVENUES	221,944.00
LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM	45,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 1,776,422.00
DEBT SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS:	
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PRINCIPAL	195,000.00
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND INTEREST	48,876.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 2,020,298.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$ 182,298.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$ 1,838,000.00

YES "Shall the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number No. 1 in the Township of Moorestown be authorized to increase the 2009 amount to be raised by taxation in the Fire District annual budget, by 11.83% or \$194,564 as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45, notwithstanding that its amount to be raised by taxation will exceed the four percent (4.0%) increase limitation."

NO

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

A "Yes" vote will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the fire district to adopt the budget that was approved by the Board. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 provides a tax levy "cap" of four percent (4.0%) on the amount of increase. This amount can be exceeded when approved by referendum of the voters.

The following are those line items to which the increases apply:

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If the referendum is approved (a "Yes" vote), the amount to be raised by taxation will include this amount.

A "No" vote means that the Board of Commissioners must adopt the budget within the increase limits otherwise set forth by the law.

In 2009 the cost of the Firefighting Breathing Apparatus contained in this referendum question for a homeowner with a home assessed at the 2009 average of \$537,100 is \$26.86. The referendum is being presented to voters because the Fire District No. 1's 2009 Budget will not be able to remain within the 4% property tax levy cap as it did in 2008.

The Fire District has applied for funding under FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grants for the past four years with no success. The Fire District's current Breathing Apparatus are over 20 years of age and have been retrofitted twice in that time.

This referendum contains \$195,000 in funding to acquire the needed Firefighting Breathing Apparatus to replace aging equipment that is critical to the safety of the firefighters in Fire District No. 1.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:

Joseph J. Giorgi, Chairman
R. Max Fisher, Vice Chairman
Fred T. Moriuchi, Secretary/Clerk
Peter R. Bowman, 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:

William David Constantine, Jr., Chief
Anthony S. Green, Asst. Chief
Peter D. Witkowski, Battalion Chief/Station 311
Thomas B. Poole, Battalion Chief/Station 312
Edgar R. Thomas II, Captain/Station 311
Richard M. Booth, Jr., Captain/Station 312
Richard V. Bickmore, Jr., Lieutenant/Station 311
Jeffrey D. Nutt, Lieutenant/Station 312
Thomas E. Keyes, Jr., Fire Police Captain
Jeffrey Boileau, Fire Police Lieutenant
Frances C. Collins, Fire Police Lieutenant

ACTIVE FIREFIGHTERS:

Richard V. Bickmore, Sr.
Stephen H. Bixby
Danny Borrero

Peter R. Bowman
Ritchie B. Bowman
Christopher M. Chesner
David E. Chezem
James T. Clancy Jr.
Jonathan S. Clifford
Peter D. Clifford
Patrick L. Collier
William David Constantine, Sr.
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Jon E. Every-Clayton
R. Max Fisher
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Michael J. Furey
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Charles M. Maltbie, III
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Cass S. Ontiveros
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Bart Santaspirit
Juan M. Santiago, Jr.
Samuel J. Schлиндwein

Kenneth J. Schweiker
Andrew C. Stowell
Rev. Philip W. Stowell
Kjell G. Tornberg
Michael G. Toscani
Matthew J. Walsh
Michael J. Warren
James R. West
Dean A. Wiltshire

FIRE POLICE MEMBERS:

Jessica L. Friedel
Steven Hearn, Sr.
Albertus S. Maurer
Elizabeth S. Peterson
Charles Howard Schuster
Jeffrey A. Tait

JUNIOR AUXILIARY:

Joseph J. Giorgi III
Richard N. Maul
Kyle T. Mohen
Johnathan P. Schweiker
Leif I. Tornberg
Joseph P. Toscani

RESERVE MEMBERS:

Arthur J. Collins, III
Walter L. Evans
Rynda A. Green-Coneby
Ralph Kohart
Gregory D. Leonberg, Sr.
Douglas Robertson
Jeffrey T. Wolfe
Steven P. Wolfe
Robert J. Worrell



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Moorestown Fire Department

261 West Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Moorestown Hose Company No. 1

261 West Main Street
P.O. Box 691
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Relief Engine Company

222 Chester Avenue
P.O. Box 215
Moorestown, NJ 08057



Remember to Vote February 21st

OUR NEWEST FIREFIGHTERS

In 2008, the Department was fortunate to add two more fully trained and qualified firefighters to the roster:

Firefighters Juan Santiago and James West graduated from the Burlington County Fire Academy.

The Department also welcomed six new members, Leif Tornberg, David Mann, Joseph Giorgi III, James West, Joseph Toscani and Danny Borrero.

Congratulations to our newest firefighters for their dedication and effort.



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CALENDAR

February 21, 2009Annual Fire District Election

Polling place: **Emergency Services Building, 261 W. Main Street**

April 8-10, 2009Relief Engine Co. Easter Flower Sale

October 9, 2009Fire Prevention Open House

Letter from the Board Chairman

On behalf of the entire Moorestown Fire District No. 1 family, I want to wish you a happy and safe New Year. 2008 was again a very busy year for the dedicated members of the Fire District. Probably more than ever, we face many challenges from external sources. With a struggling economy, maintaining a dedicated volunteer organization is without question the best way to provide emergency services at a reasonable cost.

As we all focus on the economic challenges at hand, the Fire District is looking at all options to consolidate services and opportunities that will minimize the financial impact on you. Maintaining a dedicated, highly trained volunteer fire service allows the Fire District to focus on the external challenges at hand instead of the growing financial concerns that career organizations face to just maintain minimal staffing levels to provide necessary services.

As the State of New Jersey continues to struggle with property tax reform, the trickle-down effect touches every facet of service including the fire service. As I reported last year, the State implemented a 4% Property Tax Levy Cap on Fire District budgets in 2008. We continue to operate under the same 4% Property Tax Levy Cap today and in the foreseeable future. Consequently, the 2009 Budget reflects a tremendous effort to streamline our Budget without jeopardizing safety, training, and services.

For the past (3) years, the District has been faced with the difficult issue of replacing our air packs. Many of our air packs are over 20 years old. The cost to replace these packs is \$195,000. Realizing this need, we have applied for a Federal Grant each year without success. Unfortunately, we cannot wait any longer to replace the "packs". As a result, the 2009 Budget was prepared to allocate funds to purchase the new air packs. In doing so, however, we are not able to stay within the 4% Property Tax Levy Cap.

As a result, the 2009 Budget is required to ask for taxpayer approval. Every year your approval is required to approve our Budget. This year's Budget, however, requires an additional question approving a property tax levy cap referendum. To help minimize our request, we have decided to delay the purchase of a new pumper which was approved by you last year. After careful consideration, we determined that the replacement of our air packs is far more important than the new pumper. We hope you agree.

When the "bell rings", our dedicated volunteers answer the bell. I am asking you to do the same for them. Your support of the 2009 Budget and the referendum question is greatly appreciated. Our members are committed to providing the highest level of service to you. The least we can do is provide safe, reliable equipment that will provide the highest level of safety and function properly when needed.

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1, our administrative staff, the fire chief, the officers and dedicated volunteer firefighters, thank you for your continued support. Our mission continues to provide the highest level of service on a consistent basis at all times. With your support we will achieve this mission together.

Happy New Year!

Joseph J. Giorgi
Board Chairman

ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT No. 1 ELECTION
Saturday, February 21, 2009

The annual election for the voters of the Fire District to approve the 2009 Annual Budget and elect one Fire Commissioner will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 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 drive.

The registered voters of the Fire District will be asked to elect one individual to membership for a three-year term on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Incumbent Fire Commissioner Fred T. Moriuchi is running in addition to Karl A. Shelley for the full three-year term.

This year's budget asks for \$1,838,000 to be raised by taxation resulting in a tax rate of .049 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This rate includes debt service for a building improvement authorization of \$860,000 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. This rate also includes a property tax levy cap referendum asking approval to acquire new Firefighting Breathing Apparatus in the amount of \$195,000. This apparatus will replace aging equipment that is critical to the safety of the volunteer firefighters.

The owner of a 2009 average assessed home of \$537,100 will pay \$263.18 in fire taxes in 2009. The budget is subject to final adoption upon voter approval.

Absentee Ballot applications are available at the Burlington County Clerk's office (609-265-5122).

LOCKHEED MARTIN TO PROVIDE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH INCREASED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Lockheed Martin [NYSE LMT] recently completed a successful technology demonstration for the Moorestown Fire Department, showcasing asset tracking and visualization tools that enhance situational awareness and aid emergency operations for first responders.

The Moorestown Fire District No. 1 and Lockheed Martin are collaborating to improve emergency response operations with technologies that track assets, a practice commonly referred to as “Blue Force Tracking”; provide video sharing and enable instant messaging among fire department units and the Emergency Operations Center.

“These technologies can provide critical connections between responding units prior to them arriving on-scene. We see additional benefits to a rescue unit responding from a neighboring community, as they may be called into an unfamiliar area to assist in a growing event,” said Ray Difelice, of Lockheed Martin.

Under the agreement, six of District One’s response vehicles will be equipped with position-tracking technology. The ability to visualize and track the responding units will allow for more efficient dispatching and assist the fire department when responding to an emergency.

“In an emergency situation, information is essential. A consistent and reliable information source will assist in making critical, life-saving decisions,” said Fire Chief Dave Constantine, Jr., of Moorestown Fire Department.

To further increase coordination among the department’s first responders and the operations center, Lockheed Martin will provide first responders with a text-based “chat” communication tool and a white board. Like e-mail, the chat function provides the ability to share text information and the white board feature allows the first responders to make highlights on video images, rather than relying solely on verbal communication.

Additionally, Lockheed Martin will provide the operations center with the ability to track the department’s emergency response vehicles on a street map. This information source will enable the department to efficiently dispatch the nearest appropriate vehicle based on real-time information and respond to emergencies quickly.

In 2007, Lockheed Martin successfully piloted similar technology with the United States Coast Guard in the Boston District. In collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard, Lockheed Martin developed Responders VIEW, a web-based visualization display tool, to meet the Coast Guard’s mission needs. The results were highly successful, with operators reporting as many as 20 minutes saved during the initial stages of a search and rescue mission. The tool assisted with decision making, which is essential when dispatching resources to respond to a rescue.

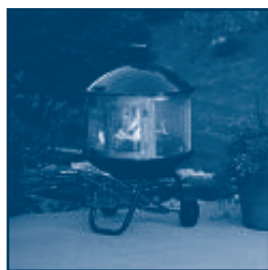
Headquartered in Bethesda, MD, Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The corporation reported 2007 sales of \$41.9 billion.

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NOTE FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL ON OUTSIDE FIREPLACES

All pre-manufactured Outdoor Fireplaces are for residential use only and will require a no-fee Fire District No. 1 permit. All fires not contained in a pre-manufactured outdoor fireplace will be considered “Open Burning” and will require proper permits.

Open Burning without a Fire District No. 1 permit will be subject to fire department extinguishment via notification to 9-1-1 by the authority on location, along with written warnings and or monetary penalties up to \$500.00 pursuant to L4401.4C of the Code of The Township of Moorestown.



The Moorestown First Aid & Emergency Squad needs you! Volunteers are an integral part of Moorestown’s spirit. The Squad challenges you to become a volunteer – one who can make a difference in every day. Visit the Squad’s webpage at www.moorestownnems.org to learn more.

Help Us to Help You.

The Emergency Squad also wants to thank all those Residents and Business owners that donated to its Annual Fund Drive for 2008. Your support is greatly appreciated.

UNIT CITATION AWARD

Six of our firefighters along with EMT Lee Ann Lillagore from Delran Township were honored at both the Fire District Annual Dinner and the Burlington County Fire Academy graduation this past year for their meritorious service in the performance of duty when they assisted in the resuscitation of an elderly patient at Moorestown Estates during a fire alarm activation on August 6, 2008.



Pictured above from left to right: Firefighter Michael G. Toscani, Firefighter Jonathan S. Clifford, Firefighter Michael J. Furey, Firefighter Jason M. Miller and Captain Edgar R. Thomas II. Not pictured, but also a recipient of the award was Firefighter Peter R. Bowman.

THE AUXILIARY OF THE MOORESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

The Auxiliary of the Moorestown Fire Department Fire District No. 1 often goes unnoticed, but we are here to support our firefighters in their efforts to serve our community. We also actively support other local, county, and state organizations. As a part of the Moorestown Fire Department we are an all volunteer organization.

The Auxiliary was organized in October of 1990. Over the past 18 years we have come together to support the fire department on numerous occasions. We provide support not only during emergencies but also during community events such as the annual Fire Prevention Open House and various other activities throughout the year. Our organization has meetings on a monthly basis and holds annual fund raising events.

Because we work on a volunteer basis, finding members has become more and more difficult. The only requirements for membership are that you are a resident of Moorestown or a surrounding community, at least 18 years of age and you are willing to lend a helping hand to those that protect our lives and property. For more information please call 856-235-2994 or email mfdauxiliary@yahoo.com.

THE MOORESTOWN GREAT ESCAPE FIRE DRILL PROGRAM

All Moorestown second grade children were asked to sit down with their family members and create their own pre-planned home emergency escape routes.

Drawings were submitted to the Fire Department for judging. There was one winner from each school and from those entries a Grand-Prize Winner was selected.

The 2008 WINNERS of THE MOORESTOWN GREAT ESCAPE – FIRE DRILL CONTEST, were as follows:



Shelby Young GRAND PRIZE WINNER representing South Valley School. As the Grand Prize Winner she received an Official Grand Prize Winner’s Certificate along with a \$100.00 Savings Bond from the Moorestown Fire Department. Also, Shelby rode on top of an authentic Moorestown Fire Truck in the Annual Lions Club Holiday Parade held this past year.

Individual school winners for 2008 were:
Baker School, Second Grade Winner — Olivia Schriber
Mary Roberts School, Second Grade Winner — Dominique Van Gilst
O.L.G.C. School, Second Grade Winner — Brigit Corey



YOU MAY KNOW WHAT WE ARE, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?

We are every part of Moorestown’s society. We are mechanics and we are bankers. We are financial consultants and pastors. We are students and we are teachers. Some of us are homeowners and some are renters. Some have lived here for only a few months, and some for more than 50 years. Some of us are college graduates, some trade-school graduates, and some are life-skill graduates, but all of us are fireschool graduates.

Did you notice that of all of the careers mentioned above, firefighter is not listed? That’s because Moorestown’s firefighters are all volunteers! That’s right, when the alarm sounds, we leave our jobs or our homes to respond to the emergency. Night or day, rain or shine, we are committed to protecting the lives and property of our friends and neighbors.

From our beginning in 1879, when Fire District No.1 was formed, the Moorestown Fire Department has been an organization of volunteers who shared a concern for the well being of the community. Currently there are over 70 volunteers organized into two companies. We operate four engines, a ladder truck, a rescue truck, a command vehicle, and three support vehicles. Last year we responded to 601 incidents.

We are Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The most important requirement to be a Moorestown Firefighter is a willingness to make a serious commitment to the community. If you are a U.S. citizen over the age of 18 and a resident of Moorestown Township (or employed full time within the Township) you are encouraged to apply for membership in the Moorestown Fire Department. For individuals 16 and 17 years of age there is a Junior Auxiliary. If active firefighting is too demanding for you, there are many other important jobs within the Department. Fire Police service may be just what you’re looking for!

For more information, stop in at the Fire District office at 261 West Main Street, or visit www.moorestownfire.org.

WHO ARE WE? WE ARE...YOU!

Fire Department 2008 Incident Responses

In 2008, the firefighters of Moorestown Fire Department, Fire District No. 1 responded to 601 emergency incidents and calls for service. Of the 601 incidents, the Department responded to 72 fire type incidents ranging from an actual fire in a residence or building to leaves burning. The Department also responded 63 times along with the Moorestown Emergency Squad for motor vehicle accidents to provide rescue services or some other type of assistance.

Fire alarm activations required the Department’s response 234 times. These types of activations range from malicious pull station activations to unattended cooking. Alarm system malfunctions accounted for 109 of the alarm calls. The remaining incidents were comprised of mutual aid, weather related calls and other hazardous conditions.

HOUSE NUMBER ORDINANCE

Moorestown Ordinance # 1785-96 indicates that all businesses and residential structures are required to display address identification numbers. The owner of each structure shall cause the placement or authorization of such numbers to be permanently and conspicuously placed on the structure or dwelling.

The identification numbers shall be of the Arabic style, minimum of 3” in height by 1” in width, placed at least 30” above ground level, legible and clearly visible from the street; not blocked by plant life or decorative objects.