

**MINUTES
33 WASHINGTON STREET
MANUEL HIRSHBLOND ROOM
TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT NO.1
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 2, 2017**

A public hearing of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, New Jersey was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Convery with a salute to the Flag. The Commissioner made the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act by notice being posted in the Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River; being filed with the municipal clerk and being transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and Star Ledger and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with statute.

ROLL CALL VOTE

**Latshaw-Yes Ambrosio-Yes
Autenrieth-Yes Sipe-Yes
Convery-Yes**

CARRIED

THIS HEARING IS THE SECOND OF TWO HEARINGS SCHEDULED

Administrator Kubiel and Attorney Van Dyke were present. Bisceglie present to take minutes. Representatives Robert Manns and Evan Grey from Manns Woodward Studios, the Professional Architectural firm that designed the current plans for this project, were also present. Members of the Toms River Fire Departments were also present to show their support for this project.

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide information regarding a proposed fire station where the Toms River Board of Fire Commissioners are asking the public to appropriate \$14,000,000.00 for a new Fire Headquarter Building. The Board of Fire Commissioners currently lease space in the two downtown fire stations where both of these stations have exceeded their life expectancy. One of these stations is inside the FEMA flood plain area. Currently the fire firefighters respond from 26 Robbins Street and 45 West Water Street which are less than a mile apart.

Motion Autenrieth second Ambrosio to open the floor for the presentation by Manns Woodward Studios and for the public to ask questions on the upcoming referendum.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 CARRIED

The public and business owners voiced their concerns over the location, cost of this project and parking in the downtown area. (See inserted video of hearing)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tenefZ7YUB4&t=22s>

Albert McDaniel of Toms River Fire Company No.1 spoke to the public in support of the project.

Motion Ambrosio second Sipe to close the floor to public comment.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 CARRIED

Motion Ambrosio second Autenrieth to close the public hearing @ 8:03 p.m.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 CARRIED

*Respectfully submitted,
Jesse Sipe, Clerk
Fire District No 1*