

**Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1
Minutes of Meeting**

May 11, 2021

The May 2021 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1 at the Richland Fire House was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Andrew J. Levari III. Public notice of this meeting was sent to the Vineland Daily Journal and the Press of Atlantic City newspapers for publication as prescribed by law. All requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act have been achieved for this meeting in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Roll Call

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| Linda M. Burshtin | Present: <u> X </u> | Absent: <u> </u> |
| Michael L. Burshtin | Present: <u> X </u> | Absent: <u> </u> |
| Andrew (Duke) Levari Jr. | Present: <u> </u> | Absent: <u> X </u> |
| Andrew (A.J.) Levari III | Present: <u> X </u> | Absent: <u> </u> |
| Mary Ann Micheletti-Levari | Present: <u> X </u> | Absent: <u> </u> |

Report of Annual Election: Secretary Michael Burshtin reported the results of the 2021 Annual Election, which was rescheduled due to Executive Order 211 issued by the Governor of New Jersey because of Covid 19 from February 20, 2021 to Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The Atlantic County Board of Elections notified Buena Vista Township that the postponed Fire District annual election would be conducted in-person by the County on April 20 from 6 AM until 8 PM and combined with the Buena Regional School District bond referendum. The election was solely held at the Buena Regional High School for all Buena Vista Township and Boro of Buena Fire Districts, and new voting machines were tested. Results reported by the Atlantic County Clerk for the election of two Fire Commissioners for a full term of 3 years were as follows:

Linda M. Burshtin - 53 votes at poll + 33 votes by mail + 1 provisional ballot = 87 total votes
Andrew J. Levari III - 61 votes at poll + 37 votes by mail + 2 provisional ballots = 100 total votes
(there were no write-in ballots)

Linda M. Burshtin and Andrew J. Levari III were declared to be elected. Results of the 2021 budget approval was as follows:

Yes - 55 votes at poll + 27 votes by mail + 2 provisional ballots = 84 total votes
No - 11 votes at poll + 10 votes by mail + 0 provisional ballot = 21 total votes

The 2021 budget was declared to be approved, with 80 percent approval by those voting. The Secretary has reported the results of the annual election to the NJ Department of Community Affairs and the Buena Vista Township Clerk.

Oath of Office: Newly-elected Fire Commissioners Linda M. Burshtin and Andrew J. Levari III formally received the oath of office.

Review of Prior Meeting's Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary Ann Micheletti and seconded by Lynn Burshtin to approve the minutes as presented, and all members present voted in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lynn Burshtin reported the following:

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| Deposits for April: | |
| Checking account - Buena Vista Twp 1st quarter tax levy | \$ 62,506.25 |
| Operating savings account | None |
| Reserve savings account | None |
| Interest for April: | |
| Checking account | \$ 5.76 |
| Operating savings account | 12.89 |
| Reserve savings account | 11.95 |

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Ending Balance for April 30 (including above deposits and interest):
Checking account (register balance) \$ 150,522.38
Operating savings account 104,552.91
Reserve savings account 96,944.40

A motion was made by A.J. Levari and seconded by Mary Ann Micheletti to approve the Treasurer's Report, and all members present voted in the affirmative.

Bills: The following bills were presented for payment:

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| Atlantic City Electric - May bill | \$ 369.31 |
| South Jersey Gas - May bill | 188.90 |
| Comcast - May internet/phone bill | 152.20 |
| Comcast - May cable bill | 12.47 |
| Buena Vista Twp - first half of 2021 JIF insurance premium | 6,188.00 |
| Bank of America - P-card purchase of replacement office printer | 213.24 |
| Impac Fleet/Mansfield Oil Co. - April truck fuel | 105.27 |
| Insurance Agencies Inc. - Inv. 14968, accident insurance premium | 561.40 |
| Continental Fire and Safety - Inv. 2310, 2448, 2449, wrenches, boots, camera batteries | 804.04 |
| FD Testing Services - Inv. 477, fire hose and ladder testing | 1,915.05 |
| Mid-Atlantic Fire and Air - Inv. 21-2122, Scott pack flow testing | 518.00 |
| DB Consulting Services - Inv. 010721, firefighter training | 375.00 |
| MAB Cleaning Service - Inv. 1307, 1308, March-April building cleaning | 750.00 |
| Richland General Store - building maintenance supplies | 27.98 |
| Total: | \$ 12,180.86 |

A motion was made by Michael Burshtin and seconded by A.J. Levari to pay all bills. Roll Call: L. Burshtin - Yes, M. Burshtin - Yes, Levari, Jr. - Absent, Levari III - Yes, Micheletti - Yes. Motion was approved.

Old Business: Secretary Michael Burshtin reported that we are still awaiting crane service for the replacement of the siren with the spare unit. There was no decision yet made by FEMA on the AFG grant application.

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

There being no further business, a motion was made for adjournment by Lynn Burshtin and seconded by Mary Ann Micheletti. All members present voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Michael L. Burshtin
Secretary