

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT 6  
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Held:** April 24, 2014  
**Meeting Place:** Board Office  
**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:30 pm  
**Members of Board Present:** **Chairman** – George Brown  
**Vice Chairman** – Joseph Chew  
**Treasurer** – Richard Annacone  
**Secretary** – George Flinn  
**Commissioner** – Steven Funkhouser, excused  
**Administrative Clerk** – Jeanette Cottone  
**Solicitor** – David Carlamere

**Salute the Flag**

**The Sunshine Law** – George Brown: In accordance with the NJ Sunshine Law this meeting is open to the public. The public portion will follow the regular business of the Board.

**Roll call Commissioners:**

Comms. Chew, Annacone, Flinn and Brown are present. Comm. Funkhouser is excused this evening.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** - Motion to accept the previous month's minutes as they are available to the public upon request.

Motion made by Comm. Annacone, seconded by Comm. Chew. Roll call vote, all yes.

**Correspondence – Jeanette Cottone**

**Adm.CI.Cottone:** Correspondence has been given out.

**Treasurer's Report – Rich Annacone**

Audubon General Account	909,755.51
Audubon Payroll Account	33,697.21
Expenditures: 04-24-14	152,996.81

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR APPROVAL 152,996.81

Motion made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Chew to approve the Treasurer's Report.  
Roll call vote, all yes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Computer Services – George Brown**

**Comm. Brown:** Once again the ones beat the zeros and we were able to overcome all the hills and valleys of getting the Chief a new email account, and it is now...

**Chief Brezee:** [gdfd8601@comcast.net](mailto:gdfd8601@comcast.net)

**Comm. Brown:** Great. And as was previously approved by the Board, we held a class with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk on some word processing on Office Software, and once again the ones beat the zeros on that as well. The Clerk is in need of a voucher system and I'm going to work on that in the next couple of weeks so we're going to need probably some more overtime for that, maybe...maybe not, but we'll see.

**Fire Prevention – George Brown**

No report.

**IAFF Contracts Co-Commissioner – George Brown**

**Comm. Brown:** Nothing on the contracts yet, that will start in June.

**Legal Liaison – George Brown**

**Sol.Carlamere:** I submitted the emergency Resolution for Squad 866. It was passed, all it has to do is be signed. And if you want I can comment on the social media.

**Comm. Brown:** Sure, go ahead.

**Sol.Carlamere:** I reviewed all the documents that were submitted dealing with that and gave attention to what was prepared by Lindenwold. I didn't find anything wrong with it at all, whatever works for the Chief. I believe though the Chief should do the directive submitted and the Board should adopt it as part of its Policy Procedure.

**Comm. Brown:** OK, so we'll adopt the Lindenwold one and be done with it.

**Sol.Carlamere:** But it should be submitted in your format so the Board knows exactly how...

**Chief Brezee:** OK.

**Comm. Brown:** OK.

**Liaison to the Fire Company – George Brown**

**Comm. Brown:** I don't know if everybody has noticed, but the new logos on the Command vehicles are absolutely spectacular. It's a very nice job on that. It looks like a new truck, it really looks good. So I'd like to thank all of you for the time you put into that. Also, I'd like to make a resolution of appreciation for Derek Kramer who has helped with the vehicles and the apparatus, and getting the decals on and getting the light bars on, the radios, the Command vehicles. I think he has really helped. If you think of it, we really didn't have half the materials until probably January and here we are in April and we just about have everything done. Again, great job. It's amazing to me what people can do that want to work together. So I would like to make a Resolution of appreciation, and send him the following letter that at the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting, the Board passed a Resolution of appreciation for your recent work on the apparatus and Command vehicles. The Board greatly appreciates your time, effort and first class workmanship to help get the new Department off to a great start. Thank you.

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Annacone to send that letter to Ff. Kramer.  
Roll call vote, all yes.

**Apparatus – Joe Chew**

**Comm. Chew:** 862 has been returned. I'm going to let the Chief report back on that.

**Budget Co-Commissioner – Joe Chew**

No report.

**Fire Department Equipment – Joe Chew**

No report.

**Fire Department Operations – Joe Chew**

No report.

**Training – Joe Chew**

**Comm. Chew:** We've signed off a couple CEU classes that the Chief needs to continue his Fire Official. That's all I have.

**Budget Co-Commissioner – Rich Annacone**

**Comm. Annacone:** The budget is there, it's in order. We're eating up a lot of it getting our apparatus repaired.

**IAFF Contracts Co-Commissioner – Rich Annacone**

No report.

**Personnel / Administration – Rich Annacone**

No report.

**Personnel / Operations – Rich Annacone**

No report.

**Insurance – George Flinn**

No report.

**Sign – George Flinn**

No report.

**Water – George Flinn**

No report.

**Photographer – George Flinn**

No report.

**Turn-Out Gear – Steve Funkhouser**

**Adm.Ci.Cottone:** See the Chief's report.

**Uniforms – Steve Funkhouser**

**Adm.Ci.Cottone:** See the Chief's report.

**Building Maintenance & Grounds – Steve Funkhouser**

**Adm.Ci.Cottone:** A new blower has been bought and is in service.

The lights around the building have been repaired, all but one. Made a phone call to the electrician to see if he knew this one was out, and I have not received a return call.

A new table and chairs were ordered 4/15 for the day room, 8-10 weeks delivery. Happy Easter.

**Communications – Steve Funkhouser**

**Comm. Annacone:** I got a question under Communications. The other day at work there was an issue with the radios. Are you aware of that?

**Chief Brezee:** We're aware...we sent back a communication and then we were told that County will be scheduling Gloucester Township all in one day and they will let us know. They have to come in and do some testing, yes.

**Comm. Annacone:** Which was really ridiculous because I know guys who wrap their mic wire around the antenna and leave it that way. I imagine over time that could build up, but doing it for 10 seconds to see if it works doesn't make no sense to me.

**Chief Brezee:** What they're saying is it's a bad board in the radio. If it has the bad board you're not going to be able to transmit. They want to come out and test every radio themselves.

**Comm. Chew:** What is it that it's wrapping around the antenna?

**Chief Brezee:** If the mic wire touches the antenna that has the bad board, it will not transmit.

**Comm. Chew:** Check.

**Comm. Brown:** I guess we should have bought the \$7,000 ones like Philadelphia did, right?

**EMS / Supplies & Equipment – Steve Funkhouser**

No report.

**Chief – Michael Brezee**

**Chief Brezee:** A report was issued. Just on the apparatus, because it is a big issue with us and we had two major problems. Both have been repaired now. The second truck will go back into service. Our volunteers are out there putting it back together right now. So we're hoping, knock on wood, we're going to be good for a while on that. All services are almost complete on all the vehicles, so hopefully we'll be good for a little while.

The other thing, it wasn't in my report because it happened on April 1<sup>st</sup>. I wanted to thank the Board for allowing Chris and I to spend the day in Philadelphia with Chief Bonner, and you can't pay for that. To spend a day with the Division 1 Chief that runs half the City, we learned a lot that day, and they treated us like gold. Even to the point where we got to ride on an airport truck, down the runways with planes taking off and landing on either side of us. Just to be able to pick his brain and it's amazing what he has in that brain. He knows his half of the City, he knows everything there and he knows what he's got to do. It's like he's anticipating the calls before they even happen, so it was pretty neat.

**Comm. Brown:** I think that's the living story that Pride and Ownership feels like. You really get the feeling, but that's the real deal right there. It was a great day. The other thing is, could you just give us a briefing on your quick visit of the apparatus that you looked at just so that...

**Chief – continued**

**Chief Brezee:** Oh yes, I did want to bring that up. Chris and I formed an Apparatus Truck Committee for a new purchase. Congratulations, we made it. Comm. Chew, myself, Dep. Chief Brown and Ff. Tom Kenny are the initial 4 that will sit on that committee. We made a visit to Campbell Supply up towards Cranberry, NJ. They have a truck that we're interested in, it's called a Boomer. It will be a replacement for our Squad truck and it will cover everything that our Squad truck covers now with the exception that it gives us an elevated master stream which is a 28 foot boom that sits off the side of the apparatus and can be raised up and flow a thousand gallons of water per minute. It can also hoist 1,000 pounds. It holds your light bars low so we will not have the issues of light bar that we have now. That's one of the things we liked very much. Me and Ff. Kenny went up with the representative, we liked what we saw. They gave us a bunch of paperwork, schematics, everything and we're all kind of digging into that now, looking at the spec that they had, tweaking it to what do we need, where we have to change this or that. So that's where we're at, at this point with it. I'll tell you one thing, we went to Campbell Supply which is where the salesmen work out of and it's also a service company. The freight liner as well as for Spartan Crimson ERV, ERC type vehicles. State of the Art facility, state of the art...it was incredible. Every mechanic walks around with his own laptop. The first thing he does when he walks up to a truck is plug it into the truck. He knows everything that's been done to that truck, everything about that truck, and that truck now assigns him to it, so his name is on it forever. It was state of the art, and it was quite a facility.

**Comm. Brown:** Terrific. Before I forget, back to the field trips. I sent you a note yesterday and I was serious about it. I would like to make sure that we put some money in next year's budget for doing one of those field trips every year. I think maybe one of the things you can do next time is maybe have some sort of method of picking one of the Officer's who's done an outstanding job to take along with you. There is a lot I think to see and learn, and it just gets you thinking about things in a different way. And I think if the rest of the Department can see what a real Department is like, we'll become a real Department. But you're off to a great start. I think the more help you get spreading it around, the easier it will be for you because you've got a lot to do right now.

**Chief Brezee:** Just one more thing I wanted to add and you just reminded me, it is in my report. I was contacted a few months ago by the American Legion 281 Post in Gloucester Township who asked if I had a nominee for a Firefighter of the Year. I gave that nomination and I had to write a little article on why, and it turns out that they chose our Dep. Chief Chris Brown to be Gloucester Township's Firefighter of the Year (applause). He will be honored tomorrow night at 7:00pm. He and his family are going to attend the ceremony where they will recognize him for that. I unfortunately will be in Emmetsburg for the weekend, so after he's got his award, he will be running the town for me for the weekend.

**Comm. Annacone:** Getting back to the truck, where is the price range?

**Chief Brezee:** Price range? Let's just say a Squad, you're probably looking anywhere from \$500,000 to \$700,000.

**Comm. Annacone:** That's not that bad. And it will fit in the building, right?

**Chief Brezee:** It will fit in the building. Ladder trucks are going for \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

**Comm. Brown:** I had one other item before we forget. You had submitted a request for the approval for funds for the Relief Association, and I'd like to make a motion that we approve up to \$100 for the next meeting which is going to be held Tuesday night the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Annacone for up to \$100.

Roll call vote, all yes.

**Chief Brezee:** Thank you.

**Comm. Brown:** You're welcome. Anything else Chief?

**Chief Brezee:** No.

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Annacone to accept the Chief's Report.

Roll call vote, all yes.

**Solicitor – David Carlamere**

**Sol.Carlamere:** Nothing else to report.

**Resolutions – Jeanette Cottone**

**Adm.CI.Cottone:** We have one Resolution on the Audit this evening. Basically the Resolution requires that the Board reviews the Audit and gets the information to the Local Finance Board within the amount of time. You have to specifically review the section entitled "Schedule of Findings and Recommendations."

### Resolutions – continued

The Secretary will sign this and each one of you will have to sign that you have checked the section of the Audit.

Motion made by Comm. Chew, seconded by Comm. Flinn to approve the Audit.  
Roll call vote, all yes.

### Old Business – George Brown

**Comm. Brown:** Old Business? (hearing none)

### New Business – George Brown

**Comm. Brown:** New Business? (hearing none)

### Public Portion – George Brown

**Mr. Kibelstis:** First question on the truck Boomer, is that a middle aged truck or new truck? With that fact of revenue, I think all of you know that I've been working on trying to get more revenue from other people than our taxpayers. I approached Township again on the tax abatement question and was told that it was not going to be shared. They're not going to share the money with us and it was also at that point when I was talking about where money could come from, Councilwoman Trotto suggested about billing for MVA's again. Comm. Brown had done that years ago, but anyway, she gave me the name of her Supervisor at work. She works for DM Medical Billing out of Berlin, and they do that for Voorhees and Cherry Hill. Anyway, that was one means. The other one that I was looking at goes with PILOT's, again the Payment In Lieu Of Taxes program. Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> will pass a Resolution approving a 30 year PILOT for Senior Campus 2 Apartments, housing, whatever you want to call it. In that Resolution, there was a statement saying Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Municipal Services. I asked Council what were the Municipal Services that they were providing, and they gave me a list. And I asked are fire department responses part of Municipal Services, and they said no. So my thought was, we should be billing these properties since they are not paying property taxes, the Township is not providing the services, that we should go and produce a letter and say that we can't afford doing a free job anymore and charge them per call to their property, not a motor vehicle accident near the property, but if we go to their buildings and we're dispatched to those buildings, we should charge them for the cost of sending out the equipment, the time of our staff, personnel, charge them for that and go from there and see what they do.

**Comm. Annacone:** I agree the Town is screwing us by not putting us in there and giving us part of the tax money, but I don't know about the legality of actually charging.

**Comm. Flinn:** What is that Dave, we can't have income anyway, right?

**Sol.Carlamere:** You're a taxing entity. I started taking some notes, and I know the issue of Fire District's allowing companies, because you're not in essence a volunteer company servicing and charging for a response, and this question came up years ago, so I would want to refresh a research. But you are a taxing entity. You charge the taxpayer to offset your cost so in a sense the taxpayer is already paying for your equipment, already paying for your personnel and all that. So another charge on top of that might have some difficulty.

**Comm. Brown:** How is the taxpayer paying...

**Sol.Carlamere:** You're a Fire District...

**Comm. Annacone:** Those people may not be paying, but the rest of the taxpayers...

**Sol.Carlamere:** That's where mutual aid...

**Comm. Flinn:** How does that work Dave as far as these guys getting all these abatements for 15-20 years? They're technically not paying taxes to the Fire District. We are collecting our taxes through Gloucester Township. They're just doing us a service by collecting our percentage of that tax. They're refusing to do so for us by giving tax abatement. They're not collecting for fire service. So in essence they're refusing to collect our money for us.

**Sol.Carlamere:** The PILOT Programs, the tax abatement programs are all statutory legislative issues. All the purpose and means for allowing that is for...

**Comm. Flinn:** I understand what it's there for.

**Sol.Carlamere:** And it says that that money goes direct, it's not shared. A portion of it is shared by the County, but all of it...

**Comm. Chew:** If the County can do it, why can't we do it? The County is a taxing agency.

**Comm. Annacone:** Because it's the law.

**Sol.Carlamere:** It's what the statute says.

**Public Portion – continued**

**Mr. Kibelstis:** That tax abatement and the PILOT Program is, the suffering is supposed to be shared by all taxpayers, not just one District. That's where the flaw is, and the Township will not accept that as a fact.

**Comm. Annacone:** That's where the taxpayer has to come forward and say "Oh no, this ain't right. I'm paying my fair share, why aren't they paying their fair share?"

**Mr. Kibelstis:** These PILOT Programs are not paying taxes.

**Sol.Carlamere:** So you administer a charge for all your runs except for runs in your Fire District? Is that what you're saying?

**Mr. Kibelstis:** All runs.

**Comm. Flinn:** To that place.

**Sol.Carlamere:** So if you're saying impose a charge for use of equipment, personnel, foam or any replacement, those kinds of things, and you're going to charge your taxpayers to do that?

**Mr. Kibelstis:** No, I'm not going to charge...

**Sol.Carlamere:** Wait a minute, you're not going to charge District 6?

**Mr. Kibelstis:** No.

**Sol.Carlamere:** But you're going to charge every other District?

**Mr. Kibelstis:** No, no taxpayer gets charged...no, no taxpayer gets charged. Anybody that's paying taxes, we respond.

**Comm. Annacone:** But those companies are taxpayers.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** No they're not. PILOT Programs are not taxpayers. Payment In Lieu of Taxes.

**Comm. Annacone:** But they are paying taxes...

**Mr. Kibelstis:** No, they're paying for services.

**Comm. Annacone:** The residents themselves...

**Mr. Kibelstis:** The residents are fine, it's the PILOT and tax abatement properties.

**Comm. Chew:** So it would be the owner.

**Comm. Annacone:** They're still paying, the Town. They don't care where the money goes, it's the Town that's not giving it out.

**Comm. Flinn:** But they're paying one lump sum instead of...

**Comm. Chew:** But they're approaching the government saying "What can you do for me?"

**Comm. Annacone:** Who's approaching the government?

**Comm. Chew:** The owner of the property.

**Comm. Annacone:** No, no. The Town is doing this so they don't have to spread that money out. They get to keep more of it. They don't pay the school tax out of that, the fire district tax, the Town gets to keep it all. That's why the Towns are doing it.

**Comm. Chew:** Then why can't we bill once a year instead of by service, by number of service to them.

**Comm. Brown:** I think the misunderstanding, if I can ask the Solicitor this is that there are certain times in which we are part of the Municipality, and there are certain times when we are not part of the Municipality. The PILOT, for example, when they talk about Civil Service, you don't hear them talking about it as it relates to the Fire Service, it's about the Municipality of which in the Civil Service Law we are part of the Municipality. I think that's where the confusion in everybody's mind comes in. When are we part of the Municipality and when are we not. And what's the law that says in the case of PILOT's we are, or we're not.

**Comm. Flinn:** We spoke to Civil Service this morning and asked "if we want to drop out of Civil Service how do we do it?" We spoke to them this morning on the phone. And they said "You can't. Gloucester Township is Civil Service."

**Comm. Annacone:** The whole Town has to drop out.

**Comm. Flinn:** The whole Town has to. We said "we're not part of that." They said "yes you are."

**Comm. Annacone:** Unfortunately the best way to approach something like this is to go to the builder and see what we can...

**Comm. Chew:** \$750,000?

**Comm. Annacone:** Depending on the size of their project, it's amazing what you can get.

**Comm. Flinn:** The Jehovah Witnesses offered us a new Ladder Truck when they were building that thing and Joe Rodano turned it down.

**Comm. Annacone:** Unfortunately that's usually the best you can do, they can send donation whatever it is, but...

**Sol.Carlamere:** Short of changing the legislation, the State statute, you have to get your legislators to change that to allow for a division of monies received. But that comes down to an interesting question.

**Public Portion – continued**

Is it anywhere in the Township shared with all Districts, or if it's in your District, your District shares it.

How do you determine that?

**Mr. Kibelstis:** The point of changing a legislation, I think Dave when we first started talking about this, you had said it was up the discretion of ...

**Sol.Carlamere:** If it's a redevelopment zone. I told the Township that if it's a redevelopment zone and you have the redevelopment entity dealing with a developer, it's going to be declared the developer in the redevelopment zone. Then you can negotiate because you're allowed to do a separate contract with that redeveloper. In that contract, you can negotiate other fees that they would pay or contributions that they would make outside of anything else, because it's a special redevelopment zone.

**Comm. Brown:** But that's for an abatement though right, that's not for PILOT.

**Sol.Carlamere:** What you're talking about, the senior complex, that's not a redevelopment. That's a non-profit organization coming in to build homes under certain programs. They get all kinds of funding back. And there was a whole series of Resolutions that had to be passed that night, including the approval of the PILOT Program.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** Right, and the PILOT was approved for 30 years where they're getting 6.8% of whatever rental they have, but...

**Sol.Carlamere:** And that offsets the general Township taxation for everybody.

**Comm. Flinn:** Which we're not part of.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** Everybody for the services that are provided, but not for fire support.

**Sol.Carlamere:** The Township does not provide fire support.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** It does not. So if we're providing a service, we should get something, at least charge them the tax rate.

**Sol.Carlamere:** So the legislation has to be changed to allow special taxing District's to participate in those PILOT programs when it's in their District.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** I agree with George, and we should just go and send them a letter and say you're going to be charged. See what they say, because I think it's not right that for one, District 5 & District 6 support Campus 1. They're providing the Township \$60,000 OK, 5% of that goes to the County and 5 & 6 gets nothing. And how many times do we run over there? How many times are we going to go to Campus 2?

**Sol.Carlamere:** Well you're going there as mutual aid.

**Comm. Brown:** Let's say it was our District, let's not get tangled in the mutual aid agreement. The fact is that some fire department is providing a service in there and not getting anything from the taxes.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** Exactly.

**Comm. Annacone:** It's the same with any hospital, churches...it's there. We can't not go.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** Ben Franklin did it.

**Comm. Annacone:** Ben Franklin didn't live in New Jersey.

**Comm. Flinn:** They do it down south, if you don't pay your fire tax...

**Comm. Brown:** OK, can we do this. Can we ask the Solicitor again to look at the law and give us what the statute is that governs this and what prohibits us, if we believe it does prohibit us from doing anything. At the next meeting if you can do that.

**Sol.Carlamere:** You just want to know about the PILOT statute.

**Comm. Flinn:** No, if we're able to bill for services to someone who's not paying tax.

**Sol.Carlamere:** That's a separate question. Are you able to do a billing for separate services?

**Comm. Flinn:** Services only to that facility.

**Sol.Carlamere:** Now you've got to understand what you're going to get down to is, you're a taxing District that now wants to bill for services. So then the question is going to become "Are you going to discriminate? Are you going to bill a certain class of person or certain class of entity and not another class? Are you not going to bill services..."

**Comm. Annacone:** If you go in Winslow are you going to bill Winslow?

**Sol.Carlamere:** Where do you stop?

**Chief Brezee:** We're not going to bill anybody outside of Erial.

**Comm. Annacone:** That's what I'm saying...

**Sol.Carlamere:** So how do you do that? You're going outside your District into District 4 even though I think it's serviced by District 5, you're going into the Senior Campus and respond. It's not your taxing District. Are you then going to bill them?

**Comm. Flinn:** No, District 5 would bill them.

**Chief Brezee:** That should be debatable.

**Sol.Carlamere:** Who does the billing? Is District 5 going to say "we can't bill because that's your servicing district."

**Public Portion – continued**

**Chief Brezee:** It is our first due. We are the only responders from time to time going.

**Comm. Annacone:** I'll let the Solicitor come back with his answer, but...

**Sol.Carlamere:** My sense is, you're going to have trouble establishing a billing, because you either bill everybody or...it's just like the ambulance squads, they have a license to bill and they collect Medicare, or whatever it is, but if you don't bill everybody, you're going to lose that license.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** OK, then why if we are separate and consider us a separate company or entity.

**Sol.Carlamere:** Realize you're a taxing governmental entity.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** Then why can't we go and say "OK, since the Municipality, Township does not provide fire service, your agreement with them is fine, now we are going to tax you and add them to the tax rate..."

**Comm. Annacone:** By statute we have to supply fire service.

**Comm. Brown:** I believe he's saying though, and this is what we need clarification on, is that the PILOT restricts what you can do in terms of...is that correct, is that a fair statement...in terms of who can do what. And that's why I think it would be helpful if we could see that on paper what restricts us.

**Comm. Flinn:** That's the legislation you're saying.

**Sol.Carlamere:** With all due respect, it's not the taxpayer, you're saying it's the District because the District has to provide the service and is not getting funds to do that. The taxpayer is getting benefited because the taxpayers have in the all-over tax benefit reduced, let's say. If they're getting a million dollars, that offsets the total tax.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** Right, but those people in the District are spending \$200,000 for us to respond, so we're losing.

**Sol.Carlamere:** So you're saying that your District residents are paying you as a taxing entity to have the service available and then you're running where someone is not contributing. So the answer is going to come back as "well you're running as mutual aid."

**Comm. Flinn:** Yeah but that business is in your District, is what he's saying.

**Comm. Brown:** Let's say the PILOT is within District 6.

**Sol.Carlamere:** So if the PILOT is within District 6, the taxpayers in District 6 are getting a benefit.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** How?

**Sol.Carlamere:** Because all that money goes to the Municipality and offsets it, and you tax those taxpayers also for your service.

**Comm. Brown:** No we don't.

**Sol.Carlamere:** You tax your residents for your building, for your personnel, for your fire truck, you tax them already.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** OK, we tax 1,000 people, residents. And we have 10 stores down Berlin Cross Keys Rd. that are not paying taxes.

**Sol.Carlamere:** They're paying taxes to the Municipality of which the residents are also all paying taxes.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** Now, for us to send a truck down to Berlin Cross Keys, it costs a \$1,000 a trip, arbitrarily. We make 10 trips, \$10,000. Will the Township under the PILOT programs pay us our share plus the \$10,000 that the taxpayers are going to have to tow.

**Comm. Brown:** What we need to do is start with what does the law say...

**Mr. Kibelstis:** I can send you, there was a State Comptroller put out a document concerning PILOTs and how they're doing throughout the State. I can email them to whoever...

**Comm. Brown:** Well it's what I read, and you did not send it to me because I was looking at this last year if you recall. There was a position taken that misuse of these PILOTs have gotten out of control. They were too far widespread, and they did not bring about the economic development that they were intended to. I think that's a debatable point, but I think we've got to start with where the law is, and that is what does the law enable the Municipality to do, are we part of the Municipality or not, and what are we able to do as a Fire District. I think that's it. And if the law...I can't imagine that a law wouldn't like be fair, but should that happen, we will have to do what we got to do to help the ones beat the zeros, that's all.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** Two more points. One, originally the PILOT stayed 100% with the Township. That's how the law was written originally. There were complaints from the Counties that we're providing services and we're not getting any money for this. So the legislation was changed to give them 5%. Now you've got umpteen Counties throughout the Township. There are very few Counties and Townships that have our configuration with the Fire Districts. Most of them are consolidated or one entity. So we have a unique situation here that the abatement money is not being fairly distributed.

**Comm. Annacone:** The only way to address that is to go back to the legislator and have them put Fire Department in with the County...

**Sol.Carlamere:** And not to debate it too much further, every time you run a fire call out of District 6, the taxpayers in your town are paying for that other run.

**Public Portion – continued**

**Comm. Flinn:** I agree.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** That's mutual aid.

**Sol.Carlamere:** There you go.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** For properties...

**Sol.Carlamere:** So you're argument, if it's a PILOT in your District, you might have an argument. If you're running out of your District and it's a PILOT...

**Comm. Brown:** We're just talking about in our District, I don't think you can....

**Comm. Annacone:** But they are paying, they're just not paying us. They're paying the Township.

**Comm. Brown:** Can we close with the following action items. Mr. Carlamere is going to go over the law with us at the next meeting or he can actually email it to us in advance to read that, see where it comes about. Mr. Kibelstis will dust off his tie dyed t-shirts of the 60's and all the other protestor stuff he used to have and head up to Trenton. I think all of us feel...it's very unfair. I've talked this before Council with you the last time we got MVA billing out of it which didn't amount to much because it's difficult to do. Anyway, let's not consider it closed, let's wait and see what the law does and we'll see if we can get everybody educated first.

**Mr. Kibelstis:** Sounds good. Thank you.

**Comm. Brown:** Anything else? (hearing none)

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n/a

**Adjourn – George Brown**

Motion made by Comm. Flinn, seconded by Comm. Annacone to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Roll call vote, all yes.