

SOUTH ESSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday February 27, 2024 – 3:00pm

Maplewood Township Building, Main Conference Room,
574 Valley St., Maplewood, NJ 07040

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00PM

2. ATTENDEES:

Chairperson Vic DeLuca
Committee Member Collum
Committee Member Lembrich
Committee Member Adams
Alternate Committee Member Lewis-Chang
Mr. Adam Loehner, Chief Executive Officer
Chief Joseph Alvarez – SEFD
Deputy Chief/Executive Officer DeMartini – SEFD
Administrative Assistant Dawn Ross – SEFD
Patrick Wherry – Township of Maplewood Business Admin
Public Alyssa Aronson(late)
Public Fred Smith
Public Andre Bejerra

Public Comment – Mr. Bejerra is a representative of Medical Essential Diagnostics and

Gave an explanation of his company's mission and a brief

Description of their services.

Public comment – Closed at 3:10pm

3. **Mr. Adam Loehner** – will coming to the office more frequently. Mr. Loehner submitted the final submission for the State grant. Civil Service test for Deputy Chief is scheduled for April 24, 2024. Captain's test has been scheduled as of yet. At this time there are no officer vacancies. Letter were sent to rehire Deputy Chief Kozak and Fire fighter Giordano.
4. **Chief Joseph Alvarez** – Gave an explanation about the new candidates for the vacant fire fighter positions. Out of the 5 candidates we only have 1 candidate that we can interview. A special meeting will be schedule for March 19, 2024 for interview and we

will have the budget workshop on the same meeting. Sheena Collum did ask about the gender: 1 female and 3 males.

Chief spoke about the generator service for the year will cost approximately \$6000.00 yearly. There will drills taken place at PSEG for a couple of days. The Chief is working with Police Department (Maplewood) on the radios.

5. **Deputy Chief DeMartini:** Went of the SEFD Mutual responses, Incident Reports and the overtime. (see attached)
6. **Committee Member DeLuca:** wanted an explanation of the increase of incidents of alarm activations and what can be done to educate the public about false alarms. It was explained to the Mr. DeLuca by Chief Alvarez that the SEFD has to response to all alarms until it's determined that there is no danger or incident. Both Committee Member Collum and Committee Member DeLuca want to have a budget workshop and was scheduled for March 19, 2024. All information for the budget has to be into the Committee by 3/15/2024.
7. **Public Comment:** No public Comment.
8. Meeting ended 3:46 pm.