

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

Resolution

Confirming the Intent to Enter Into a Lease Agreement with New Sharon Volunteer Fire Company Upon the Construction of a New Facility

WHEREAS, the Deptford Township Board of Fire Commissioners (the “District”) has a need to lease real property for the purpose of storing fire apparatus as part of its general powers and duties pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-81; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 it is certified that there are funds budgeted and available for said lease; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A11-1, *et seq*, including but not limited to sections 11-2(4) and 11-2(24), allows the District to lease real property without competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, as part of its duties and responsibilities, the District has historically utilized eight fire stations within the Deptford, New Jersey geographical area for the performance of its duties, and has historically entered into real estate leases for the operation of its fire stations, and specifically, long-term rental agreements with volunteer fire organizations that own the real estate and also own the existing structures, consisting of fire station buildings and related improvements; and

WHEREAS, the District has entered into such regular lease agreements with New Sharon Volunteer Fire Company (“New Sharon”), for the property located at 1830 Delsea Drive, Deptford, New Jersey 08096; however, as a result of a fire that occurred at this real estate address, which resulted in the complete destruction of the building, the District has been unable to utilize this structure, and therefore is not currently providing New Sharon with lease payments; and

WHEREAS, the District has been advised by New Sharon that it has received financing for the rebuilding and construction of its fire station and improvements, and New Sharon's financiers have requested confirmation from the District that, assuming the current operational needs of the District remain similar to what they are now, the District intends to again lease the property from New Sharon at a comparable rental rate being paid to the other fire station lessors.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the Commissioners at Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Deptford, County of Gloucester, at a duly-authorized and noticed public work session held on February 22, 2012, as follows:

1. The District confirms that, assuming the current operational needs of the District remain similar to what they are now and assuming the new facility constructed by New Sharon is suitable for the District's needs, the District intends to enter into a lease agreement, for a minimum of twelve (12) months, with New Sharon at a rental rate that is comparable to what the District is paying to the other fire station lessors, which at the present time is Three Thousand and Sixty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$3,066.67) per month, upon the construction of said facility, the District's entering into a new lease agreement for said station, and the enactment of a new resolution for said lease agreement at the appropriate time.

2. The Commissioners hereby authorize that New Sharon and its financiers be advised of this Resolution.