

**TOWNSHIP OF EGG HARBOR
SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD MEETING**

August 25, 2015

Planning Board Professional(s):

Solicitor: Christopher Brown, Esq.: (Not applicable)

Engineer: James A. Mott, P.E., of Mott Associates: (Not Applicable)

Planner: Vincent Polistina, P.P., of Polistina and Associates: (Not Applicable)

Planning Board Deannexation Professional(s):

Special Counsel: Dean R. Marcolongo, Esq. (present)

Special Planner: Stuart B. Wiser, P.P., A.I.C.P., Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers (present)

A special meeting of the Planning Board of Egg Harbor Township was held on the above date, 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, Egg Harbor Township Hall, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey. The Chairperson opened the meeting by reading the statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call Taken as Follow(s):

Manuel E. Aponte, V-Chair., present

Charles Eykyn, present

James Garth, Sr., Chairperson, present

Frank Kearns, present

Dennis Kleiner, Alt. #1, excused

Robert Levy, another engage.

Mayor James J. McCullough, Jr., * **See below**

Peter Miller, Township Administrator, ** **See below**

Committeewoman, Laura Pfrommer, present

Daniel Pittaro, Alt. #II, excused

Paul Rosenberg, 2nd V-Chairperson, pres. Arr.@5:30p.m.

***May the record reflect:** Mayor James J. McCullough has recused himself from these hearings. He has sent Atlantic County Freeholder, John Carman, in his place. Freeholder Carman arrived at 5:20 p.m.

****May the record reflect:** Township Administrator Miller is recused from the Deannexation Matter.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1 Public Hearing: Deannexation petition submitted by the Seaview Harbor section of Egg Harbor Township seeking annexation with Longport Borough.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo advised present this evening to discuss fire response in Egg Harbor Township and Seaview Harbor is Chief Robert Winkler and former Chief Donald Stauffer. He indicated due to the fact they both a little different area of expertise he decided to have them both at the dais and during the presentation this evening be able to supplement each other's information and testimony.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo advised he will have Chief Winkler begin and former Chief Stauffer will being his presentation. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo advised Chief Winkler is the current Chief of Cardiff and is the acting Chief of all the fire departments within Egg Harbor Township. He further noted former Chief Stauffer is the former Chief of Scullville fire department and is also the Township's Fire Official.

May the record reflect: Charles R. Winkler, III, 104 Elmwood Avenue, Egg Harbor Township and Donald L. Stauffer, Jr., 8 Rushwood Drive, Egg Harbor Township, were duly sworn, by Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo advised the first document Chief Winker is providing is Exhibit B 101. Chief Winker stated this is an introduction concerning the fire department. Chief Winkler advised the Egg Harbor Township Fire Department consist of five (5) fire departments. He indicated they are Cardiff, Bargaintown, Scullville, Farmington, and West Atlantic City. He advised when this document was prepared we had 176 active members within the department.

Chief Winkler advised they cover 68 square miles of the Township, all fire service, including a Township Chief, Deputy Chief, there are five (5) company Chiefs and five (5) Deputy Chiefs of each company. He advised the Township has 25 pieces of fire apparatus including the Fire Boat purchased by the Scullville fire department.

Chief Winkler advised he is currently the Deputy Township Fire Chief. He advised when Chief Danz retired for his health reasons he began acting in the capacity of Township Chief. Chief Winkler advised he has lived in the Township since July, 1991 and he entered the fire service in January, 1987 and spent time in another fire department and then joined Egg Harbor Township when he moved into the area in October, 1991.

Chief Winkler advised he has been Cardiff's Fire Chief since 2011 and currently hold that position to date. HE advised he has been a member of the Atlantic County Fire Fighters Executive Board for view (5) years. He is a Level 2 New Jersey State Certified Fire Instructor and he is currently a Fire service instructor for the Atlantic County Fire Academy since 2006.

Chief Winker indicated as he stated the Township is made up of five (5) individual volunteer fire companies. He indicated each fire company has built and maintained their own buildings since their inception and since 1990 they purchased or built their own fire apparatus. Chief Winkler indicated in 1990 the Township of Egg Harbor took over purchase of apparatus that continues today. He further noted each company receives \$15,000.00 annually to offset the building cost and operations. Chief Winker indicated another \$15,000.00 is provided for smaller firefighting equipment and upkeep.

Chief Winker stated \$15,000.00 does not go very far when some of the fire companies within the Township operate two (2) fire stations advising it is two (2) electric, gas, fuel bills, etc.. Chief Winkler indicated each year the Fire Department submits a budget to Township Committee, who approves it. He advised this year the budget for 2015 was \$190,000.00, which included \$70,000.00 for vehicle repair and maintenance. Chief Davis advised to date they have spent \$62,000.00 for vehicle repair and maintenance this year. He indicated \$20,000.00 is set aside for training, \$25,000.00 for equipment certifications are some of the larger ticket items that the Fire Department must do every year.

Chief Winkler advised every year they also request for capital improvement purchases and fire engines are on this list, as well as, smaller higher priced items. He advised in the past Chief's pick-up trucks were purchased with snow plows to remove snow from the fire stations to keep equipment moving in snowy weather. He advised they help keep the EMS crew getting out to patients when snow is on the ground and keep their station clean.

Chief Winkler advised turnout gear, air packs and hoses have also been past purchases in the capital improvement program. He advised Chief Danz had originally requested this year in the capital improvement program \$1,020,000.00 for the purchase of two (2) fire trucks for our aging equipment fleet. He advised to date \$400,000.00 was approved causing the department to look harder at purchasing less favorable equipment.

Chief Winkler advised his members are 100% volunteer. He indicated they receive no direct compensation for their lost hours from family and friends or from the lost hours from their personal jobs. He indicated the only thing they receive is a small annuity for their services to their community. He further noted they do their own fund raising to help support their buildings. These are the cost associated with building expenses and renovations. Chief Winkler stated the upkeep on buildings are very expensive. Annual fund drives, coin drops, breakfast, dinners, golf outings and hay rides are just a few of fund raisers that are done.

Chief Winkler explained what the fire department does. He indicated besides fighting fires they work directly with EMS crews to extricate crash victims, respond to utility emergencies, gas leaks, wires down, calls for C.O.'s in homes and businesses. He indicated they also assist the public works crews with trees down and assist the police department with various resources. Such as lighting assignments and closing roads. Chief Winkler stated they also operate a technical rescue team with trains for high angle rope rescue, confined space, ice, some water, and large vehicle incidents, which most they received outside funding for.

Chief Winkler advised they have fire police that assist the police department in emergencies giving the police department the ability to patrol the streets and not closing roads during times of major emergencies. He advised the participate in forest fire strike teams, large diameter task forces, tanker tank forces and all of which are mutual aid resources which Egg Harbor Township participates in to outside communities.

Chief Winkler also noted Scullville just purchased a fire boat for fires that occur out and around the water ways, which has already responded to two (2) fires to date. He indicated not to bore anyone with the number of fire calls responded to, at no cost to the taxpayers, for the most part, the hours spent in training, or the time spent with public events, without the funding from Egg Harbor Township the fire service will suffer. He indicated he has seen cuts such as the capital improvement truck request. Chief Winkler indicated the loss of taxable properties will continue to hurt our fire service.

Chief Winkler advised he has a few documents that Chief Danz placed together and he will be using them to help provide light on the fire service. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated for the record prior to his retirement Chief Danz had placed together a large package of documents that he presented to both Attorney Doyle, Special Board Planner Wisner, and the two (2) witnesses present this evening, whom may incorporate the information into their presentation this tonight.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo marked Exhibit B102 (sign in drill sheet dated 5/4/08 – noted location Seaview Harbor. Chief Winkler advised in the past Egg Harbor Township has conducted drills at Seaview Harbor Marina in the event of boat fires or another type of incident that would happen at the marina. He advised Exhibit B102 is the documentation showing the amount of members in 2008 that responded to the drill. Chief Winkler advised his name is not on the sheet. He indicated for whatever reason he is not signed in, but these things do happen, however, he was out the drill.

Chief Winkler presented Exhibit B103 which he indicated was Longport's information out of the Mutual Aid Book. He advised this information list some of the officers from the Longport Department, their list of equipment that is listed in the County Mutual Aid Book, he indicated specialized equipment is also listed, fire response policies, their target buildings they look at as potential issues within Longport, their request for mutual aid and how they ask for mutual aid, and their request for mutual aid ambulances.

Chief Winkler stated everyone is aware Longport provides Mutual Aid, in agreement, for the Egg Harbor Township Fire Department. He advised Longport had responded to seven (7) calls for service during the year of 2014 he then presented Exhibit B104 (print out from Longport/Egg Harbor Township).

May the record reflect: Freeholder Carman arrived.

Chief Winkler advised in Exhibit B104 shows in 2014 there were seven (7) calls, most of which were minor incidental calls. This included alarm malfunctions, boat fire on Hospitality Drive, accidental alarms and an EMS assist. Again, he noted this total to seven (7) mutual aid responses that Egg Harbor Township received from Longport. He then asked the Board to go to Page 2 of Exhibit B104 advising this is an outline of the mutual aid responses from Longport provided to Egg Harbor Township for Seaview Harbor. He advised this is a small number of Fire calls compared to the numbers we run in Egg Harbor Township.

Chief Winkler stated in 2014 Chief Danz started a request for Egg Harbor Township and all volunteer fireman in the State of New Jersey to increase the annual operating allotment of \$15,000.00 for new equipment and \$15,000.00 for maintenance. He advised Chief Danz started a petition to the Assembly to try and increase this money. Chief Winkler stated as he previously advised \$15,000.00 does not go very far. He indicated it is not uncommon with some of the fire companies that have two (2) stations to have a \$6,700.00 a month electric bill. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo advised Exhibit B105 is a letter from Chief Danz to Assemblyman Chris Brown with supporting documentation and dated February 5, 2014.

Chief Winkler stated Chief Danz tried, when they were doing work on Longport Bridge, to have a pipe line installed under the bridge to assist either Longport, if they had water issues in their city or for Egg Harbor Township to pump water through the pipe across Longport into Seaview Harbor in order to assist fighting fires in Seaview Harbor. Chief Winkler indicated to date there has been no real response and if you go back through the letters there was no funding from the State or the County to install the pipeline. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo marked Exhibit B106 is three (3) pages of documents. He indicated two (2) are which letters from Chief Danz dated February 11, 2013, to Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive, the second letter is to the Mayor and Township Committee and the third page is letter dated February 20, 2013, from Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive to Chief Danz.

Chief Winkler than presented a letter from Chief Levon Clayton, from the Longport Fire Department to Joe Stewart, 107 Hospitality Drive, concerning the way Longport intends to fight a fire until the resources from the outlining communities and Egg Harbor Township can be utilized. Chief Winkler stated we have long known the water supply out there is going to be an issue and Chief Clayton's response is that they will use the hydrants, as long as he can, until we arrive and provide him with assistance. Chief Winkler advised Chief Stauffer will elaborate on the hydrant program Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo marked Exhibit B107 (letter dated June 9, 2014 from Fire Chief Levon Clayton to Joe Stewart).

Chief Winkler provide a document of the mutual aid Egg Harbor Township has given out during 2014 from two (2) fire companies, Cardiff and Bargaintown fire companies. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo marked as Exhibit B108. Special Board Planner Wiser stated Exhibit B108 is limited to just Cardiff and Bargaintown. Chief Winkler stated yes. He assumes the other three (3) companies did not respond to Chief Danz with their information.

May the record reflect: Board Member Rosenberg arrived.

Chief Winkler indicated in the year 2014 both Cardiff and Bargaintown, as well as, the other three (3) companies have provided assistance outside of Egg Harbor Township sometimes on a regular basis. He advised Cardiff regularly responds into Hamilton Township on the West Jersey end to assist the Cologne Fire Department. He further noted in the past we have responded into areas of Mays Landing because Somers Point-Mays Landing Road was closed and Mays Landing could not down to their district areas. Chief Winkler stated so in the past we have provided mutual aid and received mutual aid.

Chief Winkler stated it seems in the past there was some indication we are not providing fire service. He indicated he believes it is documented well that we receive mutual aid but that we give mutual aid just as adequately throughout the County.

Board Special Planner Wisner interjected advising that the first page of Exhibit B108, which is from Cardiff is not dated but does say 2014. The second page of Exhibit B108 from Bargaintown limits the dates from January 1, 2014 to July 2, 2014, so the Board should be aware it is not a full year's data, but a little more than half a year. Chief Winkler stated this is correct.

Chief Winkler stated he is finished. Board Member Aponte stated he does have a few questions. He stated Chief Winkler stated the companies own each one of their buildings. Chief Winkler stated this is correct. Board Member Aponte asked that there 176 members. Chief Winkler stated approximately. Board Member Aponte asked if there is GPS on the trucks. Chief Winkler stated most of the departments are currently using a GPS based responding system. He advised this allows us to GPS ourselves from our phones. He further noted each department was issued at one time and still operate a mapping software system in our trucks. With hydrant based mapping software. He stated unfortunately with the cost associated with this we will not be able to continue.

Chief Winkler indicated they cannot afford to purchase the laptops, software and the mounts to continue to use. He advised some departments are buying the equipment themselves. He advised under the Township budget we do not have the money to do this.

Board Member Aponte stated each fire company runs independently for fund raising. Chief Winkler stated the money the raise stays within each individual fire company to off-set their cost. Board Member Aponte stated with reference to the fire boat. Chief Winkler advised there were two (2) fires where the boat was used. He asked where these were. Chief Winkler stated they provided mutual aid to Atlantic City and they provided mutual aid to what he believes he will say is the city of Ocean City where they went out with Longport as a dual boat response but it was off the coast of Ocean City.

Board Member Aponte asked if the boat is currently in the water. Chief Stauffer advised the boat is in the water currently. He stated they rent a slip at Somerset Cove, which is located at the base of the Patcong Bridge on Somers Point road across from the Elks Lodge. He indicated they have made arrangements with the Elks Lodge to park in their lot so we do not create a problem with parking at Somerset Cove.

Board Member Aponte stated since we are discussing Seaview Harbor how long would it be to get there if there was a fire in Seaview Harbor. Chief Stauffer advised from the time of dispatch the boat would be there within 20 minutes.

Board Member Aponte stated he reviewed Exhibit B102 and there are 31 signatures. He then asked if Scullville is the primary force that goes to Seaview Harbor. Chief Stauffer stated it is Scullville's area of the Township. But we have the mutual aid agreement with Longport and Somers Point and they are the first ones in. He advised they respond first. Board Member Aponte stated from what he can see in 2008 there were at least 12 members or more members went to the drill. He asked if this is something that is on-going and why was this day picked.

Chief Stauffer stated the Township Chief at the time decided he wanted to have the Township wide drill at this location. He advised every year the Township Chief would pick an area in the Township to have a five (5) company drill. Chief Winkler stated this is not the only training each company does. He advised each company individual trains in their area of expertise. He stated usually at minimum once or twice a month. He indicated there are drills as a department and drills as fire companies.

Donald Stauffer introduced himself as the Fire Official/Fire Subcode Official, he presented Exhibit B109. Chief Stauffer stated since 1991 to present he has worked in the capacity as the Fire Official and Fire Subcode Official, from 1986 to 1991 he was a Fire Inspector. He indicated prior to this he was at the FAA Technical Center as a firefighter and Deputy Chief and he was charged with fire inspections and training and for a short time he was the Fire Chief.

Chief Stauffer advised he moved into Egg Harbor Township in 1973 and join Scullville Fire Department in 1975. He indicated going through his history he joined his first fire company in the town in which he grew up, Neffsville, Pennsylvania in 1966 and he has been an active member in a volunteer fire company ever since. Chief Stauffer advised within his resume he has listed the different courses he has taken including fire and arson investigating, which is part of his job. He further noted the last page of his resume are the required licenses and certifications he must have in order to perform his job for the Township. Chief Stauffer added he must also take CEU courses within the three (3) year period in order to renew his licenses.

Chief Stauffer stated as the Fire Subcode Official, which is covered under the Uniform Construction Code, he performs plan review, prior to the issuance of a building permit and perform all the field inspection, which includes such things fire alarms, sprinklers, HVAC, commercial range hoods and cook suppression systems, fire pumps, and wood burning stoves.

Chief Stauffer stated as fire official/investigator, which is under the Uniform Fire Code and is the State Law for Fire Prevention they do annual inspections in all places of business within Egg Harbor Township. He stated this includes all the businesses in Seaview Harbor such as the marina and fuel pier. He indicated another reason for this is to make sure that all the fire protection systems being built into a building under the Uniform Construction Code are being inspected and maintained annually.

Chief Stauffer advised he also does fire investigations for all five (5) companies. He indicated he provides portable fire extinguisher training for businesses in town. He advised he has some that he provides annual training for because their insurance companies are requiring. He also advised he provides fire safety talks to different organizations within town. He also investigates any complaints.

Chief Stauffer stated he has always worked with New Jersey American Water Company for hydrant locations. He advised with Aqua New Jersey Incorporated in Seaview Harbor for the last two (2) weeks he has been working with them on the flush hydrants they are installing.

Chief Stauffer advised one (1) of the residents within Seaview Harbor had notified him that they were placing them in. He stated it was not until someone called that he was aware they were being placed in. Chief Stauffer stated when he went out to Seaview Harbor two (2) were already installed. Chief Stauffer advised he had a problem with one concerning the connection of a hose to it. Chief Stauffer advised he was able to discuss the issue with a Mr. Hilderbrant, who is the Project Manager for Aqua, whom advised Chief Stauffer to work with the contract in Seaview Harbor.

Chief Stauffer advised he has been working with them and they have been helpful. He advised he has been present every day. He add when this originally happened he immediately advised the Chiefs of Longport, Margate, and Scullville. He advised he took them over to physically inspect the new hydrants right away. He advised he could not get the Somers Point Chief out there with them, however, he advised he would inspect himself. He noted he has kept everyone notified of what is going on.

Chief Stauffer stated when the hydrants were inspected they require a special hydrant wrench. He indicated some will be coming in tomorrow, as he was notified today. . Chief Stauffer advised he has also met the plant operator of the facility so he will have contact people if he has any questions and they also have his information if they want to speak with him. He indicated this is one of the major items he has been working on in Seaview Harbor for the last two (2) weeks.

Chief Stauffer presented Exhibit B110 pictures of new flush hydrants from Aqua Water being installed in Seaview Harbor. Board Member Aponte asked when they are being installed. Chief Stauffer stated they are currently being installed/changed out now. He advised they will not be finished until sometime next week at the earliest.

Chief Stauffer stated why he figured they changed the hydrants out was that they did not want to give anyone false sense of fire protection. Chief Stauffer indicated the pictures in the rear of Exhibit B110 show the old hydrants with bushes around them. He advised when the new flush systems were placed in they also planted bushes/shrubs around them again. Freeholder Carman asked if they anticipate this being a problem in the winter time with snow if there is a fire. Chief Stauffer indicated this has been brought up. Chief Stauffer indicated when Mr. Miller went to the BPU Hearing we were against them taking it out.

Chief Stauffer indicated Aqua is removing them because their water system is not considered a full fire protection system. He indicated they can provide us with 300 gallons a minute for 20 to 30 minutes, which will sustain an initial attack lines. He stated that is where the question about the fire boat and mutual aid, within that 20 minute period everyone else should be there set up to supplement the water supply when their system is being depleted.

Chief Stauffer indicated this is one of the things designed within the fire boat was the recognition that the water supply, being what it was, it not only has a built in deck gun, but it also has provisions to feed the 5" supply hose that is used to supply water down the street. He stated once the fire boat is there they can place a hose out to it and it can sit in the water and supply a 1,000 gallons a minute. Again, he advised this was one of the provisions designed into it for not only use in dock side firefighting so they can get around the dock side of the homes but to also supply a land base fire from the boat by supplying a 5" hose. He indicated there are other places within the Township that they will also be able to do so with the boat.

Board Member Aponte stated the red hydrant in the photograph on the second to last page (Exhibit B110), which the white Mercedes is parked in front of, will not be there. Chief Stauffer stated right they will not be there. Board Member Aponte stated they will be replaced with the photograph on the first page bottom (Exhibit B110). Chief Stauffer stated yes. Board Member Aponte stated this goes back to Freeholder Carman's question. You have 5" or 12" of snow you have to know where it is and dig out.

Chief Stauffer stated part of the approval Aqua has to place a marker on them for us. He indicated yes there will be snow on top of it because the push snow over the curb. Chief Winkler stated there will be beach sand also blowing over them. Freeholder Carman stated it does not seem to be a good location for this type of hydrant. Chief Stauffer stated again, you must look at the water companies take on this, it is not considered for fire protection.

Chief Stauffer continued by stating this takes it into the ISO ratings for the Township, which is Insurance Service Offices, whom writes the rates for your fire insurance. He indicated that is what the insurance companies use to underwrite your fire insurance. He advised the Township is classified a 5/8B. He advised the 8B Class is Seaview Harbor because of its water supply because they cannot supply more than the 300 gallons a minute for 20 minutes. He noted the rest of the Township is a Class 5.

Board Member Aponte asked who is paying the wrenches previously discussed. Chief Stauffer stated Aqua is. Again, he advised they have been working with him. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo marked Exhibit B111 which are 20 photographs that seem to involve flush mounted hydrants. Chief Winkler stated this is correct. He advised when these pictures were taken he was present. He advised these are flush mounted hydrants that were mounted in the City of Atlantic City, within the Inlet section down by Gardner's Basin by the Condominiums/Townhome project.

Chief Winkler advised as you go through the pictures (Exhibit B111) you will see the conditions of what the firefighters of Atlantic City had to go through, in the afternoon, just to get the hydrant hooked up and functioning. He advised picture Number 5 (Exhibit B111) shows the standard hydrant wrench but they will not work with these hydrants. Chief Winkler stated they are hoping to receive two (2) each for each initial response companies that respond to the Seaview Harbor area which would be Longport, Margate, Somers Point, Scullville and Bargaintown. He indicated this still leaves three (3) other companies in Egg Harbor Township along that can and potential respond out there and potentially use the hydrants. Chief Winkler stated he does not know where the rest of the wrenches will be coming from he is not sure. It could be possibly out of his budget. He stated again, these hydrants and the incidents that happen could also affect his budget.

Board Member Aponte asked when these pictures were taken. Chief Winkler stated these pictures were taken May or June of this year. Chief Winkler asked the Board Members to go to Page 9 (Exhibit B111) we would normally flush the hydrant before our apparatus is attached. He advised once you turn the hydrant on the box will be encased with water and the water begins flowing out of it and he has to place a firefighter on the ground, kneeling, trying to hook it up in turn out gear, gloves and equipment that cost a significant amount of money. He asked the Board to review the additional pictures after Page 9, showing what he is explaining. He also asked the Board to picture this situation in the middle of the winter on a January day when it is 10 degrees and they have their hands in the cold water.

Special Board Planner Wiser asked if this is water being show in some of the pictures within (Exhibit B111) or is it mud. Chief Winker advised it was brownish dirty water. He advised this is the reason why they systems are flushed to begin with.

Board Member Aponte stated this must be some type of standard that is used. Chief Stauffer advised Atlantic City did not want these either and he was told by firefighters they will try find another hydrant somewhere without having to use them. Board Special Planner Wisner stated Chief Stauffer had indicated on a few occasions that these hydrants are not adequate for fire protection. Chief Stauffer stated yes, to be classified as part of the water system for fire protection.

Special Board Planner Wisner stated Aqua is spending money taking out existing fire hydrants and putting in these fire hydrants. Chief Stauffer advised they are not fire hydrants they are flush hydrants. Special Board Planner Wisner then asked what are they for. Chief Stauffer stated the fire department is still able to use them but they will only get 300 gallons a minute for 20 to 30 minutes and then it is done. He stated that the tank at the pump house will be empty.

Board Member Eykyn asked Chief Stauffer that the BPU is basically saying that they are no longer a fire hydrant that you can charge for but Aqua is saying we will put these in and they are to flush our mains annually and they are there to use them. However, we are not telling you should use them because there is not enough water there. Chief Stauffer stated this is what he is trying to say. Freeholder Carman stated they are clearly marked fire hydrant.

Board Member Aponte stated one would believe the BPU knows more about fire hydrants and that there would be some type of standard. He indicated they may feel it is adequate. He then asked Chief Stauffer to explain to him ISO ratings. Board Member Aponte asked why this is 8B. Chief Stauffer stated ISO has different requirements. He advised them come in, rate your town about every ten (10) years and the last time was in in 2011 he believes. He advised they take the whole town and a number of things into consideration not only just the fire department, the type of equipment we have, training and maintenance which all goes into their rating for the fire department. He indicated they also rate dispatch and water distribution for firefighting purposes.

Chief Stauffer stated all these items are looked and then you receive your class number rating. He stated whatever they give the insurance companies it is included in your homeowners fire insurance. He advised the water system at Seaview Harbor is not any better than getting an 8B rating class. He advised a number one (1) is the best and number ten (10) is the worst. Board Member Aponte asked as a fire company you would prefer Aqua to place something else in there. Chief Stauffer stated he would prefer that they leave it just as it was, but it is their system.

Attorney Doyle stated he appreciates the fact finding, however, he is at a loss as to what BPU said, what Aqua has done, and its adequacy for firefight relevance to what we are here about. Board Member Aponte stated we spent at least a meeting to a meeting and half about water flow. So the questions asked are not irrelevant. Attorney Doyle stated we did not spend that much time, however, we spent time on whether the fire hydrants are useless, as Mr. Miller indicated, or as we found out are useful, as described in a limited fashion. Board Member Aponte advised Attorney Doyle when he begins his questions the Board will be more than glad to go there. He advised the Board is the fact finding body.

Board Member Eykyn advised there was also discussion concerning not paying bills because it was not adequate, so this is along the same line that the BPU said those hydrants are not adequate because the volume is not there to fight a fire. Township Committeewoman Pfrommer stated in the winter time these are going to account for the first 20 minutes until everyone gets there. Chief Stauffer stated hopefully until everyone gets there. He stated we are talking 20 minutes but they will have help there

within five (5) to ten (10) minutes. Township Committeewoman Pfromer stated she does not know how this could be of any use to anyone. Chief Winkler stated it does not matter whether it was located in Margate, Longport anywhere. He noted whether it is Egg Harbor Township responding out there or Longport responding to hook up to these hydrants it is not going to supply us with the amount of adequate water that we would need to effectively fight a fire. Again, he stated it does not matter whether it is Seaview Harbor is a part of Longport or if Seaview Harbor is a Part of Egg Harbor Township.

Chief Winkler indicated they are not going to effectively work for either fire company efficiently and as the letter he presented from Chief Clayton his plan is to effectively use the hydrant until mutual aid arrives. He advised it does not matter who hooks up first they are inadequate for fire protection and in theory costing the home owners from Seaview Harbor and possibly some of the other home owners in Egg Harbor Township insurance revenue. He advised you receive your ISO rating and that is how your insurance is based for your private residence.

Township Committeewoman Pfrommer asked that will not change either whether it is Longport or Egg Harbor Township. Chief Winkler stated as long as those hydrants are there they will have the 8 designation because they cannot supply the amount of water. He further noted some of the Township's fire trucks are pumping in excess of 1,000 to 1,500 gallons of water a minute. Chief Winkler advised you will not get this out of these hydrants. He advised they cannot supply that amount of water to those fire trucks.

Special Board Planner Wiser asked as a matter of public safety is Seaview Harbor better off, worse off, or no change with the conversion from traditional fire hydrants to the new hydrants. Chief Winkler stated to him in relation to water the water supply no change. In relation to the locations, the convenience, the connect ability to us it is probably worse. Board Member Aponte stated if he heard the testimony correctly there is no change in the flow, however, it will take longer to hook up to get the flow. Chief Winkler stated yes. Board Member Aponte asked if it would take five (5) to ten (10) minutes to hook up and who would be hooking up. He asked if this would be Longport. Chief Stauffer stated Longport would be the one to initially hook up to use the 300 gallons a minute for the 20 minutes. He stated in the meantime they are going to have help in five (5) minutes. Board Member Aponte asked that this would be from the neighboring communities. Chief Stauffer stated which would be mutual aid and the ISO took into consideration when they rated that area. He advised this is within their report that they took into consideration Longport, Margate, and Somers Point responding there.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo asked beside the wrenches to get into the box do you need special fittings. Chief Stauffer stated Aqua is supplying the connectors also and they have not supplied any training yet. He advised the reason why he is familiar with a flush hydrant is because he once worked at the airport. He advised you could not have a hydrant sticking up in an airport. He advised when it was snowing or raining they used the tanker trucks. Special Board Planner Wiser asked if anyone knows what Longport's ISO rating is. Chief Stauffer stated he does not. He tried to find this information out before this meeting but could not.

Chief Stauffer stated what actually spurred the fire boat was the officers of the Scullville Fire Company started six (6) years ago when they recognized the need for fighting fires from dock side and supplying a land laid support hose. He advised they first started out with the boat being 17' ft. long and they did not want a suction hose that goes over the side of the boat like most companies have in South Jersey. He advised by the time they finished with everything they wanted, which included being a work boat not just a fire boat, it became 28' ft. long and it has a built in 1,500 gallon a minute fire pump in it.

Chief Stauffer stated besides the firefighting and supply hose it a gate on it and we can ride ATV's onto it and we can also haul other equipment. He stated they can take this out to an area that is water locked and bring this equipment out to any island. He advised the County Dive Team has looked it and it is designed for divers to us as a dive platform. He advised it can be used for medical extractions with special carriers and we have towing capacities. Chief Stauffer stated they felt this was needed and it took six (6) years to get. He advised it was delivered April 26, 2015. He indicated to this date the boat has been totally funded by the Scullville Volunteer Fire Company alone. Chief Stauffer stated they took out a \$210,000.00 loan. He advised so far the only help they has was the Greater Egg Harbor River Water Shed Authority provided a grant, last week, for \$3,500.00 to purchase equipment such as PFD's (Personal Flotation Device). Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo presented Exhibit B112 newspaper article about boat.

Chief Stauffer stated one of the things that also spurred the board was Seaview Harbor because of the houses and the marina. He indicated years ago Scullville had a hover craft, which is also used for ice rescue, and we have been over to Seaview Harbor with that. Chief Stauffer stated along with what Chief Winkler said it all comes down to what we discussed. It does not really matter fire protection wise whether Seaview Harbor is Egg Harbor Township, Longport, Margate or Ocean City, whatever. Fire protection is not going to change. It will stay exactly how it is and we will keep operating all together like we do with mutual aid no matter who it is fire protection wise.

Chief Winkler stated he agrees and one of the items he passed out is Chief Clayton's areas of worryment and the way he calls for mutual aid response into Longport. He stated whether Seaview Harbor is part of Egg Harbor Township or Longport he is sure his policies are not going to change. Chief Winkler advised his policies do not change because we go to Hamilton Township to respond to mutual aid. He advised we take what we need and fight the fire. He indicated we can call in another fire company to cover the area of Cardiff or any of the fire companies in Egg Harbor Township. Chief Winkler stated this is why we have a plan in the County and the Township has signed into the County plan to provide mutual aid not only be it the police department, fire department, ambulance squads the public works crews. He advised we all have an agreement that has been signed by the Mayor and Council and administration for that plan.

Board Member Aponte asked how long was the boat in the works. Chief Stauffer stated it was six (6) years and it morphed into more because it is a multi-use piece of equipment now. He advised it is not just a boat with a fire pump on it that has a deck gun and squirts water and we can supply a 5" supply line, which other places up the river have been found such as River Road the old Lions development. He indicated they can pull into the dock at the end, lay a 5" line all the way up Mays Landing Road if needed. He advised Scullville has a lot of water front and the Township does.

Chief Winkler stated they can discuss all night fire service. He stated he believes some thoughts may have been that things are going to change the way the fire service is provided in Seaview Harbor. He advised he does not see Longport making changes based upon them being part of Longport or part of Egg Harbor Township. He advised the issue becomes dollar(s) and cent(s) within the Township for the loss of tax ratable for us. He indicated it will affect them the same as what the Chief of Police previously discussed. Chief Winkler stated he has already seen cuts and he does not see the economy getting any better. Chief Winkler he advised he hopes this does not affect the fire service as a whole to cover the rest of the Township. He indicated we work hard to balance a budget.

Chief Winkler stated it is not like going to the store and you can purchase a \$5.00 oil filter. He indicated these things are relatively expensive and we pay dearly to maintain our things and keep them going. He stated our fleet is large and old.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo asked in terms of mutual aid to neighboring municipalities do we have fire departments that are closer to areas of other municipalities than their own fire departments. Chief Winkler stated sure. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo asked if they are areas that we could respond to quicker. Chief Winkler stated absolutely. He indicated as he previously discussed and one of the documents he passed out was the mutual aid Cardiff has given in the past and last year alone, noting he is speaking of Cardiff alone, they cover the north western corner of Egg Harbor Township and we abut Hamilton Township who has condominium projects and senior housing that back up off of West Jersey Avenue at Cates and McKee Avenue's.

Chief Winkler stated we regularly respond up there with them for calls of fire. He stated we have in the past arrived first. He indicated we are closer than their own fire department. So, yes there are plenty of places where fire department is closer than the neighbor Township's or Cities fire houses to the fire call relation. Chief Winkler stated yes, we provide mutual aid regularly. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo asked in the neighborhoods when an event did occur did Hamilton Township call Cardiff first thing.

Chief Winkler stated yes. He advised we have a policy. Chief Winkler stated the Chief of Cologne and himself have an agreement. He advised they have talked and Chief Winkler indicated he will give him whatever he has to give out of his fire houses to assist him. Chief Winkler stated he does regularly respond with two (2) engines and a ladder or tower truck to those areas to assist them. Board Member Eykyn asked if these agreements in writing. Chief Winkler stated no it is more word of mouth. It is a bonding agreement that we have all handshake on at times. He advised it took a long time to get these agreements.

Chief Winkler stated he was a young officer in Cardiff and he sat down with Chief at the time and the Assistant Chief and their officers and we tried for the longest time with their Chief and their officer's and not that we wanted to go into their areas and step on anyone's toes just that we wanted to provide the residents, even if it was our neighboring towns, with adequate fire protection. He advised it did take a lot of time and changes to a lot of Chiefs and officers throughout the companies we have gotten away from the old mentality. He advised there are some younger officers within these fire companies and we respond this way. He advised he has told them before he will give them every piece of equipment in his fire house and if they do not need them just send them home. He indicated they do it regularly all hours of the day and night, 24-7. Chairman Garth stated always better to be looking at it then for it.

Chief Winkler stated he agrees with Chief Garth he has always said he rather be looking at a fire truck standing behind me than waiting for it. He indicated they can always send us home. He advised it does take a little while to have get us moving. He indicated we are all volunteer and we all work jobs whether in Town or not. He advised in the middle of the night it will take them a little while to get up, get dressed and get to the fire house to respond out. He stated it depends upon the time of day of whether you have adequate fire protection from your own town or the neighboring town.

Chief Winkler stated we have agreements and Egg Harbor Township regularly responds from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with automatically two (2) fire companies in Egg Harbor Township to fight any fire structure

oriented. He stated he can only speak for Cardiff but this was 469 times. He stated there were 469 calls for service in Cardiff last year.

Special Board Planner Wisner asked for the record Chief Stauffer was the fire chief for Atlantic City Airport Company. Chief Stauffer stated he was at the FAA Tech Center. Special Board Planner Wisner asked if the airport is the 6th fire company here. Chief Stauffer stated no, but what we pull from them is a tanker from the air guard when we have larger fires and no hydrants. Chief Stauffer stated there is still areas of the Township where there are no hydrants.

Special Board Planner Wisner asked Chief Winkler if each fire department gets two (2) pots of \$15,000.00 each annually. Chief Winkler stated yes. He advised you get \$15,000.00 for maintenance and \$15,000.00 for equipment. He noted that is one allotment for each company. That is not one (1) allotment for each fire station.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo asked if Longport has a tanker. Chief Stauffer stated no. He added city apparatus does not carry as much water because there are hydrants on every corner. Chief Stauffer stated in the Township all of our engines carry 1,000 gallons of water on them Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo asked what does the tankers carry. Chief Stauffer stated Bargaintowns tanker carries 2,500 gallons and Scullvilles carries 3,000 gallons.

Board Member Aponte asked what the Chief's know about Exhibit B106 and the Dry System. Chief Winkler apologized he stated he does not know which one that is. Chief Stauffer asked if this is the dry pipe system that the Chief was proposing to come over from Longport. **May the record reflect:** various members of the Board advised this was correct.

Chief Winkler stated back when they were doing the bridge Chief Danz sent a letter and worked to try to get a pipe installed on the bridge. Chief Winkler stated as everyone can see from the letter it went out to Mr. Levenson and the Atlantic County Executive Board and our Mayor and Council to have the pipe installed on the bridge. He indicated this was not only to assist, should we have to pump water, out to Seaview Harbor by tying into Longport's system but in the event Longport had a problem with their hydrant system or at that section of the bridge we could pump water over and assist them.

Chief Winkler stated it is not uncommon and in the past, earlier everyone heard him speak about things that they do such as large diameter and tanker task force assignments and in the past they have had members of our fire companies in Atlantic County respond over to assist Brigantine pumping water up over the bridge into Brigantine from Atlantic City to help Brigantine with a municipal water loss. He advised there was some type of water main break in Brigantine and the fire companies in the County had assisted that way.

Chief Winkler stated Chief Danz in his wisdom tried to get some type of pipe to go across the bridge. However, he noted if you read back the information the biggest issue that comes to his mind is the cost of the pipe and who is going to pay for it. He stated he thinks that became the stopping point of it all and who is going to pay for the labor and the maintenance in getting that pipe installed on the bridge.

Chief Stauffer stated Chief Winkler made mention of the 5" task force and the tanker task force and the County. He stated they are made up of fire companies throughout Atlantic County. We have an Egg Harbor Township task force that we set up for Longport fire department which we drilled on and some of us carry extra 5" hose on our engine to go over there for them because they have a problem with

water supply in the south end of their town. He advised Farmington was the supply piece and they tapped into two (2) different systems in Longport and ran lines to it. He stated it is a 2,000 gallon a minute pump they have and we laid a line from City Hall, he was on the engine halfway down the break wall, and fed it the rest of the way down the condominiums. Chief Stauffer stated Egg Harbor Township can get to Longport faster than it will take the 5" task force to come out from the other end of the County. So when it was mentioned about mutual aid that is something Egg Harbor Township has set up with Longport.

Attorney Doyle thanked both Chief's. He then asked Chief Winkler if he is now the Acting Chief. Chief Winkler stated yes. Attorney Doyle asked Chief Winkler if it would be fair to say without regard to anything else discussed within these hearings that the most important thing you need to fight a fire is competently, qualified, trained men and sufficient apparatus. Chief Winkler stated this is correct. Attorney Doyle asked when the call goes out and you have the men and equipment what is important other than time and distance in getting there as quickly as possible. Chief Winkler stated personal safety and resident safety. Attorney Doyle stated in order to do this it is getting there quickest is the thing. Chief Winkler stated sure.

Attorney Doyle stated Chief Winkler mentioned five (5) companies. He asked if this means the Township is divided into five (5) districts one (1) for each of the companies. Chief Winkler stated yes. Attorney Doyle presented Exhibit S127 Map of the Township's fire districts (colored copy map as shown on Township Web Page). Attorney Doyle asked if the northern boundary of three (3) which is Scullville and includes Seaview Harbor include Ocean Heights Avenue. Chief Stauffer stated it includes the whole length of Ocean Heights Avenue.

Attorney Doyle asked the Chief's if they have ever seen the police patrol maps. He advised the area in question is patrol Area 5 and both maps are roughly comparable. Chief Stauffer stated he does not know, but he is aware they do call this Area 5. Attorney Doyle stated by looking at the 68 square miles of Egg Harbor Township that Scullville's Section 3 is the largest. Chief Stauffer stated yes. Attorney Doyle asked if Chief Stauffer knew what the total square miles were for Section 3. Chief Stauffer stated no.

Attorney Doyle presented Exhibit S128 of Scullville's Coverage area. He asked if it is fair to say that Seaview Harbor is the furthest extremity north and east of Scullville's Company. Chief Stauffer stated it is east of it. Attorney Doyle stated testimony previously given advised the distance between Scullville Fire Station is approximately 7 miles and takes 13 minutes to get to Seaview Harbor. Chief Stauffer stated it would be 7 miles. Attorney Doyle asked how many minutes does it take to get there with lights and all. Chief Stauffer stated it would take ten (10) minutes to get there from time of dispatch.

Attorney Doyle stated testimony previously given advised from the Longport Fire Department it is 9/10th of a mile and takes 2 minutes. Chief Stauffer stated he believes that would be about right. Attorney Doyle stated in terms of that time and distance that is why Longport comes first. Chief Stauffer stated this is correct. Attorney Doyle stated the management of who goes where is established by a document that Chief Danz had as part of his package but was not part of what Chief Winkler and Stauffer put into evidence. He indicated there is a document entitled the Egg Harbor Township Radio Policy. Chief Winkler stated there is a radio policy in Egg Harbor Township this is correct.

Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo marked into evidence S129 Egg Harbor Township Radio Policy. Attorney Doyle asked what the purpose of this document. Chief Winkler stated it is to assist the fire

department but the dispatchers to adequately and properly dispatch our fire equipment. Attorney Doyle asked who are the dispatchers. Chief Winkler stated the Egg Harbor Township dispatchers. Attorney Doyle stated the dispatchers who are run, managed and operated by the Egg Harbor Township police department. Chief Winkler stated this is correct.

Attorney Doyle asked if they are aware there is a new shared service agreement for dispatching between Longport and Egg Harbor Township. Chief Winkler stated this is correct. Attorney Doyle asked Chief Winkler how will the Egg Harbor Township police department be guided to send Longport fire department first given the time, miles and long standing policy. Chief Winkler stated by the fact that there is a dispatch policy for Longport Boulevard from the Kennedy Memorial Bridge to the Dolores Cooper Bridge. Attorney Doyle asked if this is on Page 28. Chief Winkler stated this is correct. Attorney Doyle stated they will have to follow this because it is a set criteria. Chief Winkler advised this is correct based on this document.

Attorney Doyle asked on the mainland the first responders is always one (1) of the four (4) companies excluding West Atlantic City. Chief Winkler stated based upon the time of the day it could be a two (2) company response but correct. Attorney Doyle stated but the second company is also an Egg Harbor Township fire company. Chief Winkler stated this is correct. Attorney Doyle stated for Seaview Harbor, unlike any other area of the town, their first responder is Longport and their second responder is Somers Point under Page 28. He asked if this is correct. Chief Winkler stated yes. Attorney Doyle asked who comes third. Chief Winkler stated they are also to dispatch the Scullville Fire Company. Attorney Doyle asked where does Margate fit in. Chief Winkler stated he believes that is based upon Longport's policies that they have set forth.

Attorney Doyle asked if there is not a policy in the radio policy that if a fire cannot be reported to within six (6) minutes a second company is called. Chief Winkler stated that is correct. Attorney Doyle asked Chief Winkler what is the magic of six (6) minutes. Chief Winkler stated it is the policy that was set forth before him. He stated he would believe based upon the time of the day, in general, by the time you get out of bed, possibly, get to the fire house and get geared up onto the truck it will be close to five (5) or six (6) minutes. Attorney Doyle asked your reporting time to get from Scullville to Seaview Harbor is approximately ten (10) minutes. So the normal time is beyond the time when you are going to call a second company in six (6) minutes. Chief Stauffer stated if Scullville did not go on the air within six (6) minutes they would automatically dispatch the next one. He advised Longport is already there.

Attorney Doyle asked Chief Stauffer to define "go on the air". Chief Stauffer stated you have two (2) different things. You have the time of your dispatch and that is when our pagers go off and as the Chief said you either leave work, get up from the dinner table, or jump out of bed and get your pants on and run down to the fire house. He advised when you get into the apparatus, you're geared up and your ready to pull out the door you go on the air to the dispatch and tell them you are responding that is when the six (6) minutes stops. Attorney Doyle stated as he has seen police incident reports they say the reporting fire company is Longport fire district, which is part of and consistent with the radio policy. Chief Winkler stated this is correct.

Attorney Doyle stated Chief Stauffer has been here a little longer. He asked if this has always been the policy that Longport always comes first even in the 1970's. Chief Stauffer stated yes. Attorney Doyle stated there was a piece of evidence from a citizen that said in 1982 Longport responds first and always have. He asked if this has been his knowledge. Chief Stauffer stated yes.

Attorney Doyle asked in all the time involved have they ever known a resident of Seaview Harbor that was a volunteer or a member of Scullville or any department. Chief Stauffer stated no he has not. Attorney Doyle asked the policies set forth within the radio policy have been commented on by others. He used as an example, in evidence, a statement from Mayor Russo, of Longport. Attorney Doyle then read the record comment. He asked Chief Stauffer from a fire standpoint if this comment was accurate. Chief Stauffer stated yes.

Attorney Doyle asked if there is a structural fire is the police called as a matter of course. Chief Stauffer stated the police are notified of any incident going on in town. He advised from listening, normally the Longport police, would run over there knowing the fire department had been dispatched because many times a police car can arrive faster than a fire truck, and they report back as to what is going on. Attorney Doyle asked to Chief Stauffer's knowledge is that done to the knowledge and awareness of the Egg Harbor Township Police Department. Chief Stauffer stated they usually respond out ahead of us, yes.

Attorney Doyle stated it seemed at times with the police response from Longport they are hearing it on the air waves, or they hear a siren, or the alarm company rings because of the way the house alarm is set up. He asked if any of this possible as to why it is so quick, because he saw response times in the seconds. He asked how does this happen. Chief Stauffer stated he cannot answer this question. Attorney Doyle stated people have indicated they had their alarms ring to Longport rather than Egg Harbor Township give the time and distance previously mentioned. He asked if Chief Stauffer is aware of this. Chief Stauffer stated they allow this. He does not have a problem with this it helps the residents because it notifies Longport faster.

Attorney Doyle asked if the change in the dispatching system make any difference with what Chief Stauffer just said. Chief Stauffer stated no. Attorney Doyle stated he believes in the radio policy when a structural fire is called an ambulance is also called out. Chief Stauffer stated yes. Attorney Doyle asked if it were Seaview Harbor where would that ambulance be called from. Chief Stauffer stated Egg Harbor Township. Attorney Doyle asked why not Longport. Chief Stauffer stated probably because Longport is already sending their fire apparatus. Attorney Doyle asked where the Longport Ambulance station is. Chief Stauffer stated at the fire house. He believes the fireman run it.

Attorney Doyle asked if speed is of the essences why the Egg Harbor Township ambulance come instead of Longport ambulance. Chief Stauffer stated the ambulance is sent as a safety back-up we want to get the fire equipment there first. Attorney Doyle asked if an ambulance is needed, which is not a fire question, but he asking because of years of general knowledge of the area, if an ambulance is needed for not a fire which ambulance would come to their knowledge. Chief Winkler stated he cannot answer that question. Chief Stauffer stated just listening to the radio it is normally the Township.

Attorney Doyle asked where the Egg Harbor Township Ambulance headquarters. Chief Stauffer stated he does not know the exact address but it is located on Fire Road by the Parkway entrance and exit. Attorney Doyle asked further from Seaview Harbor than this building. Chief Stauffer stated yes. Attorney Doyle stated compared to the Longport Ambulance it is further. Chief Stauffer stated yes.

Attorney Doyle asked if either Chief Winkler or Chief Stauffer personally respond to the fire that occurred on July 3, 2014. Chief Winkler stated no. Chief Stauffer stated yes. Attorney Doyle asked if the normal chain of appearance occur with Longport being first, Somers Point next, and the other companies thereafter happen at that fire. Chief Stauffer stated to the best of his knowledge he believes

that happened. He further noted that it went to a second alarm, which brought apparatus from every company in Egg Harbor Township over there.

Special Board Solicitor marked Exhibit S130 – July 3, 2014 incident report. Attorney Doyle asked if Chief Stauffer did the investigation. Chief Stauffer stated yes. Attorney Doyle asked if he was on scene the night of the July 3rd. Chief Stauffer stated he believes he drove the first engine from Scullville over. He indicated he does not see it in the report. He advised he does wear a couple of hats. Chief Stauffer explained besides his work he is a Life Member and an active fireman in Scullville. He advised he leaves the actually firefighting to the younger members and he is a driver/operator. He advised they use the “I am responding” that Chief Winkler had discussed along with the mapping of that it has a monitor in the firehouse so we can dispatcher ourselves so when we get into the engine to go we can look up on the screen to see who is coming.

Chief Stauffer referred to Page 4 of Exhibit S130 near the bottom they cleared Engine 1532 from the scene but if you go back to the beginning of Exhibit S130 someone failed to enter it as getting there. Attorney Doyle stated the call time 5:17:13 seconds and the dispatch time is nine (9) minutes letter he asked what accounts for the difference between call time and dispatch time because all during this the fire is burning.

Chief Stauffer stated the best that he can explain is that dispatch may have been paging us out and making sure Longport is going. He advised in the meantime you only have these numbers recorded when they physically hit the key board. Attorney Doyle questioned nine (9) minutes. Chief Stauffer stated a call such as this he can imagine the boards were lighting up and answering phones and trying to get people dispatched. He advised this is all he is going to say about dispatch. Chief Stauffer stated he would have to speak with them.

Attorney Doyle stated the report says bulk of fire knocked down. He asked who would have knocked down the bulk of the fire by fire companies. He indicated if he reviews the time periods it was knocked down before anyone arrived from Egg Harbor Township Chief Stauffer stated the problem is that this is only Egg Harbor Township’s apparatus. He indicated they do not know where Longport fits in. He stated they would have initially hit it. Attorney Doyle stated if he looks at Page 2 and all the “F” numbers are those fire companies within Egg Harbor Township. Chief Stauffer stated yes. Attorney Doyle asked there is a column on the report stating primary unit. He asked what this means. Chief Stauffer stated Attorney Doyle has to speak with dispatch about their print out. He stated he strictly uses these as times he has not asked them questions about the primary unit column

Attorney Doyle stated only one unit is shown as a primary unit. He asked what piece of equipment is 1550. Chief Stauffer stated that would be the Chief of West Atlantic City assigned vehicle from the Township. He advised it is a pick-up truck with a cap. Attorney Doyle stated when he looks at the vehicles that when out and when he reviews the vehicles noting they were in route and looking at the time it arrived, the Chief’s vehicle or whatever it may be, from point A being his house or the firehouse, to point B, the fire scene. Chief Stauffer asked if he specifically asking about 1550. Attorney Doyle stated there are several that indicate they were in route at a particular time and they arrived at a particular time. Chief Stauffer stated again it depends. When they tell dispatch they are responding how fast dispatch enters it into the system and when they get there how fast they enter in when they arrive.

Chief Stauffer stated the bigger the fire the more action is going on. He stated besides all the fire apparatus you have police, ambulance going over and other things that are outlined in the radio policy including making sure Longport and Somers Point are going. So they are busy, therefore, sometimes these numbers may not be exactly when they pulled up. Attorney Doyle asked was does on route mean. He asked if it means they just left the station. Chief Stauffer stated yes, it means when they go on the air responding. Attorney Doyle stated arrived means they are on the scene. Chief Stauffer stated yes.

Attorney Doyle stated there are several vehicles that arrived and their times are between 17:38 and 17:49 and go half way down Page 3 (Exhibit 130). Attorney Doyle then read down a number of the vehicles from Page 3 stating the five (5) vehicles being on route and arrived in order as (minutes/seconds) 11:39, 12:04, 13:31, 17:49 and 15:55 He asked if this is how long it took these vehicles to get there on average. Chief Stauffer stated again, it would be based upon when the place the numbers in.

Attorney Doyle referred to Page 4 (Exhibit 130) he stated it says command terminated. He asked who would have had command of the scene. Chief Stauffer stated command was turned over to 30 at one point. He advised 30 is Scullville's Chief. Attorney Doyle stated the agreement and statute under mutual aid in Atlantic County states command stays with the home town not the participating unit but the home unit. Chief Stauffer stated this is Scullville's area so when Scullville's Chief gets there Longport's Chief usually becomes operations and Scullville's Chief becomes command.

Attorney Doyle stated he understands now that the geographic boundary makes a difference because the commander is from Egg Harbor Township even though they were not there first and they arrived at the scene last. They are still, as a matter of mutual aid regulation, the command. Chief Stauffer stated they take command because it is Scullville's area. He advised they do not take command until they go over to whomever is command for Longport and converse with each other about what is going on and then Longport advises they will take operations for them or do water supply whatever is needed. He stated then Scullville takes over as command.

Attorney Doyle asked if Seaview Harbor were in Longport that would not have occurred. Command would have stayed with Longport. Chief Stauffer stated yes. Attorney Doyle stated the testimony given during hearings included Longport slowed the fire down and just about stopped it. He asked if this is correct. Chief Stauffer stated that would be what the term "knocked down" is. He advised there is still work to do but the bulk of the fire is knocked down. He advised this is fire terminology. Attorney Doyle asked what water supply was used to knock down the fire. Chief Stauffer stated the initial water in the first arriving engines. Attorney Doyle asked if the hydrants were used. Chief Stauffer stated the hydrants were used at the corner of Hospitality and Seaview. He stated the hydrants were used but knowing the water supply they used Bargaintown's tanker, the tank water, rather than the water system. Attorney Doyle stated there has been some back and forth but they would not use sea water. Chief Stauffer stated if they had to and they can get to it they would. He advised they would pump it.

Attorney Doyle stated concerning mutual aid one of the principals of mutual aid in the statute and agreements states a unit does not have to participate if it were to endanger their own responsibility in their own municipality. He asked if this correct. Chief Stauffer he indicated how this works depends on the apparatus that we send out of each company. He stated the mutual aid agreement begins to escalate. He provided for example if Somers Point brought the majority of their equipment over they would start pulling engines out of Marmora, Cape May County. He advised the Township would start bringing in engines from Hamilton Township to cover our area. He indicated we would not leave

ourselves empty. So no matter how big the incident and how much equipment is needed it has always been filtered in with back-ups. Attorney Doyle stated Longport could say we are busy at home and we are going to stay here and we cannot provide mutual aid on this particular occurrence, even though we are typically the first and closest within the mutual aid doctrine. Chief Stauffer stated he could not answer that. He advised it is has never happened to him before. He advised he has never had a fire company say they could not come and help.

Attorney Doyle asked Chief Stauffer if he had seen the investigation report of the Egg Harbor Township Police Department. May the record reflect Attorney Doyle then read onto the record a section of the report. He then asked Chief Stauffer if this is accurate to what he knows. Chief Stauffer asked where this information came from. Attorney Doyle apologized advising this information was from an Exhibit previously submitted and known as S47. Chief Stauffer than read Exhibit S47 narrative onto the record as requested by Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo.

Attorney Doyle stated we have discussed mutual aid with various fire departments and he had Googled Hospitality Drive on a search that allowed us to look at the location of firehouses. He then presented information to the Chief's advising the blue area is Hospitality Drive, Egg Harbor Township (Seaview Harbor) and the red balloons show the neighbor/nearest fire companies. Chief Stauffer and Chief Winkler reviewed the information, conferring with each other. Chief Stauffer advised Margate has two (2) firehouses. Attorney Doyle stated there is one not entitled between Margate and Ventnor he asked if this would be the second one. Chief Stauffer stated he does not believe so. He believes it is Ventnor. He advised the map looks about right. Special Planner Wiser stated he believes the one that is not named is Margate's second one. He advised he believes Ventnor Heights is missing.

Attorney Doyle asked Chief Stauffer to place a circle on this information around the balloon that is Scullville's fire station. Chief Stauffer marked the information identifying Scullville Station #1. May the record reflect this information was marked as Exhibit S131.

Attorney Doyle stated we have discussed a lot of time concerning mutual with respect to fires. He stated there is a lot of non-events such as alarms. He asked who checks out the alarms to Seaview Harbor to determine if it is false or mistaken. Chief Winkler stated the City of Longport Fire Department. Attorney Doyle stated when you read the mutual aid statute it talks about emergencies and riots. How does alarms fit the mutual aid definition? Chief Winkler stated it is only until it is cleared that it is not. He advised if it is a real call than it is not mistaken.

Attorney Doyle asked in percentages the alarms that go off in Seaview Harbor that are found not to be a problem are answered how often by Longport and how often by Egg Harbor Township. Chief Winkler stated based upon the agreement he believes Longport responds to them 100% of the time. Attorney Doyle stated to a degree it saves Egg Harbor Township some money. Chief Winkler stated in some ways.

Attorney Doyle advised there was a letter previously marked onto the record known as S38 concerning Fire Hydrants. He asked Chief Winkler to review. Chief Winkler advised it is the same letter that he presented. Attorney Doyle he asked if this accurate to the extent that in the event there is a fire in Seaview Harbor the Longport Volunteer Fire Department will be utilizing the existing fire hydrants as an initial water supply to fight the fire. Chief Winkler stated based upon this letter it is their policy. Attorney Doyle asked they have a right to make this policy because they are the ones reporting to the fire.

Chief Winkler stated they have a right to set whatever policy they want in order to how they operate. Attorney Doyle asked what he knows of those hydrants would he agree with the policy. Chief Winkler stated he does not know the amount of water flow in front of him. He cannot answer this question He stated if he knew the hydrant could not sufficiently supply a piece of apparatus would he use it. No. Attorney Doyle asked at all and wait for the truck to come. Chief Winkler stated or we could draft overboard if we had to. But based upon this conversation the Chief plans on using the hydrants. Attorney Doyle stated in practice this has not been done. The hydrants have been used.

Chief Stauffer stated yes, when he has gone over there have been lines off the hydrants. Attorney Doyle stated the July 3rd fire was initially broken down by using hydrants. Chief Stauffer stated he backed in next to the hydrant and he is trying to remember if it was on there not. Attorney Doyle stated he will not test the Chief's memory.

Attorney Doyle stated the residents of Seaview Harbor, who signed this Petition had nothing to do with whether the hydrant was changed from an above ground one to a flush one. Chief Stauffer stated this is correct. It was an Aqua decision.

Board Member Aponte stated he has a question concerning the call service reports. He stated when you review you see all these numbers so when you call and from the Chief's testimony, you cannot really ascertain or find out exactly when the person got there. Chief Stauffer stated correct because they have to type into the computer system and it depends when they hit the keys. He advised the dispatchers are very good. He stated when things really get hectic you would have to sit there during a call and see what they go through. Board Member Aponte stated in order to weigh his testimony if he is seeing 13, 15, 17 minutes it may not be correct. Chief Stauffer stated it "may not" he advised it depends when they type in your information.

Board Member Aponte asked when the command changes from Longport to Egg Harbor Township does this cause a problem for the residents. Chief Stauffer stated no, we all train the same, we all learn firefighting the same, and we all work the same. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated on the July 3rd incident it indicates on Page 3 (Exhibit B130) the bulk of fire is knocked down, however, almost at the bottom of the page it says second alarm toned out. He asked why this would happen. Chief Stauffer stated that is the decision command made. He advised the bulk of the fire is knocked down but we are still dealing with exposures and at that time they may not have been sure if it had gotten into the homes. Special Board Planner Wiser asked if it is possible there is an incorrect data entry. Chief Winkler stated it is possible because it states "narrative added". He stated why the narrative added they cannot answer the question. Attorney Doyle nor could you confirm what the officer placed in report. Chief Winkler stated yes, he was not sitting with the officer.

Attorney Doyle stated with respect to the pipeline. He asked Chief Stauffer, when did he know of Chief Danz' decision that a pipeline should be added to the bridge project. Chief Stauffer stated since he had worked out of his office about the time that the letter was written he came up with the idea. Chief Winkler stated about the same time he would guess. He advised he does not work out of Chief Stauffer's office directly but he runs out of the same station with Chief Danz.

Attorney Doyle stated he wants to be clear that two (2) letters were placed into evidence from Chief Danz package. He advised the first letter is from Chief Danz to the Mayor and Township Committee dated February 11. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated they have been provided tonight and it was previously marked B106. Attorney Doyle also asked about the letter to the County. Special Board

Solicitor Marcolongo stated yes. He advised all three (3) letters are included. Attorney Doyle stated with respect to the February 11th letter to Township Committee which is B106, it seems he had an earlier meeting with the Mayor and Committee. He asked if either Chief Winkler or Chief Stauffer had any conversations with Chief Danz concerning the discussion he had with Township Committee. Chief Winkler and Chief Stauffer both indicated no. Attorney Doyle stated there is no question that it was a good suggestion. Chief Winkler stated absolutely. Chief Stauffer stated it would save time from laying a hose over the bridge.

Attorney Doyle it was suggested the cost of funding being a problem. He asked Chief Stauffer first if he had ever heard an estimate or have an understanding of what the cost of the pipeline would have been. Chief Stauffer stated no. He would have no idea. Chief Winkler stated he would have no idea. Attorney Doyle the letters given to the Town and the County were alike. He asked if Chief Danz factual set forth the case satisfactorily. Chief Winkler advised to present the issue he would think so. Attorney Doyle asked if Chief Danz discussed with either Chief the letter he received back from County Executive Levenson. Chief Winkler stated no not directly. Chief Stauffer stated no. Attorney Doyle asked if they heard about it indirectly. Chief Stauffer stated no he didn't.

Attorney Doyle then read a portion of the letter from County Executive Levinson to Chief Danz concerning conversations with the Township Administrator in Egg Harbor Township. He asked if they know anything of those discussions. Chief Stauffer stated no. Attorney Doyle asked if they know from Chief Danz if he had any conversations with County Executive Levinson or Township Administrator Miller that are referenced in the letter. Chief Winkler stated he would have no idea. Chief Stauffer stated he cannot answer.

Attorney Doyle asked if they had reached out to Chief Danz knowing that this was his baby and they would end up testifying about what happen to the missing pipeline. Chief Winkler asked in relationship to what. Attorney Doyle stated in relationship to what was just said. He asked if he had picked up the phone and call him to ask whatever happen to the pipeline because they are going to ask me about it or words to that affect. Chief Winkler stated he did not. Attorney Doyle asked if he had spoken to Chief Danz since the night he did not appear but was to testify. Chief Winkler stated he does see Chief Danz on a semi regular basis. Attorney Doyle asked if any of the issues that have been asked of, about or in anyway did he give you information. Chief Winkler stated he offered to help him if he requested it. Attorney Doyle asked if he did. Chief Winkler stated not at this time.

Attorney Doyle stated Executive Levinson's Letter goes to say conversations will go on between Chief Danz and the Township Administrator of Egg Harbor Township. He asked if they are aware of ensuing conversations. Chief Winkler stated he has no idea. Attorney Doyle then read onto the record a portion of County Executive Levinson's letter concerning the bridge construction it would not negate anything the Township would like to do. Attorney Doyle asked if they ever got the understanding that the Township would like to do the pipeline on their own. Chief Winkler stated he would have no knowledge. Attorney Doyle asked if they asked any of the Township Committee members. Chief Winkler stated he was not in the position to ask those questions.

Attorney Doyle asked who would have been in the position. Chief Winkler stated Chief Danz. Attorney Doyle asked whether or not they know if Chief Danz did. Chief Winkler stated he has no idea. Attorney Doyle asked if there is anyone that would have an idea other than Chief Danz. Chief Winkler stated whoever it was that were in the meetings. Attorney Doyle stated if there were any such meetings. Chief Winkler stated that is correct.

Attorney Doyle stated the opportunity has been missed because the bridge has been constructed. Chief Winkler stated he does not believe it is totally missed. He advised anything is possible. Attorney Doyle asked if they are aware of any other correspondence dealing with this subject. Chief Winkler stated no. Attorney Doyle presented an article that appeared in the Atlantic City Press on February 22, 2013, Longport Bridge Project May Include Pipe to Fight Fires in Seaview Harbor and it is attached to an OPRA request made to the County concerning any further information they may have had or responses from any of the people that were copied on these letters including the Mayor and Township Committee and the Township Administrator. May the record reflect this information is marked as S132 (2 pages).

Attorney Doyle asked as Acting Chief would you still pursue the idea of the pipeline. Chief Winkler indicated he just took over as the Chief and he is not sure he will remain Acting Chief so he has not set forth any plans for his future endeavors that the Fire Company will try to accomplish. Attorney Doyle asked if there is any part of Egg Harbor Township that this pipeline would assist more than Seaview Harbor. Chief Winkler stated it would assist the City of Longport if they had a water supply issue but not anyone else directly in Egg Harbor Township. Attorney Doyle read into the record of portion of Chief Danz statement outlined in Exhibit S132 advising Seaview Harbor is so remote fire fighters from Longport are expected to arrive at fires before Township Crews can arrive. Attorney Doyle asked if the statement is accurate. Chief Winkler stated sure. Attorney Doyle stated Chief Danz also indicated he would not want to draft water out of the bay using salt water. Attorney Doyle asked if this is an appropriate concern. Chief Winkler stated it is always a concern.

Attorney Doyle stated the article finishes that Mayor McCullough would also ask Township Engineer James A. Mott to investigate further. Attorney Doyle asked if Chief Winkler knows if anything has come of that investigation. Chief Winkler stated he has no knowledge. Attorney Doyle placed into evidence a copy of (portion) the minutes from the Township Committee meeting of February 13, 2013, which were marked S133 and a copy of (portion) of the minutes from the Township Committee meeting of April 24, 2013 marked as Exhibit S134.

Special Board Planner Wiser asked the Chief what his policy is about drafting salt water. Special Board Planner Wiser asked if he is as vehemently against it as Chief Danz was. Chief Winkler stated he is not for it, but he is not totally against it, but he is obviously not for it especially when firefighting equipment is so expensive. He advised as discussed earlier he is already \$67,000.00 into a \$70,000.00 allotted budget for maintenance of the fire equipment this year. He advised he cannot afford any more costly repairs. He advised no he would not purposely place a piece of equipment in to pump salt water, but if he had to, yes he would.

Attorney Doyle then read onto the record the February 13, 2013 minutes from Township Committee. Attorney Doyle asked if Chief Danz had discussed this meeting with them. Chief Winkler stated no. Attorney Doyle asked if he shares with Chief Danz his concern of fire issues in Seaview Harbor and the lack of fresh water. Chief Winkler stated sure. Attorney Doyle then read from the minutes of Township Committee dated April 24, 2013. Attorney Doyle asked if he agreed with Chief Danz' comment that it would be a major help if there was a large fire in that vicinity. Chief Winkler stated for the pipeline, sure. Doyle: would you have concern of lack of fresh water. Doyle: and on April 24, 2013 read minutes. Attorney Doyle asked from the degree that the minutes say Chief Danz asked the Township to remain open to the pipeline does he know if Township has closed the discussions. Chief Winkler stated he has no idea.

Attorney Doyle asked if there is anyone in his judgement where this matter stands other than Township Committee, Township Administration or Chief Danz. Chief Winkler stated not that he is aware of.

Attorney Doyle then read through the minutes of this matters hearing dated March 31, 2014, page 26. Attorney Doyle asked if he understands this pipeline would run across the bridge to the driveway as by than Committeeman and now County Freeholder, John Carman. Chief Winkler stated he was only aware it would run across bridge not where it would stop.

Attorney Doyle stated he understands Scullville just purchased a boat for \$200,000.00 and it will help a lot of other parts of the Township other than Seaview Harbor. He stated this cost \$200,000.00 but he is not suggesting the others reach into their pockets equally, but you do not know if this pipeline would have cost less than \$200,000.00. Chief Stauffer stated he has no idea what the pipeline would have cost. Attorney Doyle stated with respect to that boat it is moored in a particular place that was mentioned. He asked if they ever commissioned a test run to see how long it actually takes from where it is to Seaview Harbor. Chief Stauffer stated he has spoken with the people that have operated it and been out on training runs with it and they have told him it can be over in Seaview Harbor from the dock in 10 minutes. He indicated from time of dispatch it would be 20 minutes.

Attorney Doyle stated in has been mentioned in newspaper articles and in the administrator's testimony that the Mayor said proudly that there is probably more water front in Egg Harbor Township than any other municipalities. So the boat will serve more purposes than just Seaview Harbor. Chief stated yes and it was designed to do a multitude of things. Attorney Doyle asked if Chief Stauffer was made aware of the issue of whether the bridge should be closed when the repairs were happening or that one lane should be kept open for traffic. Chief Stauffer stated he was not involved with this. He advised so when the Township first agreed to go along with the County plan to close the bridge subject to Longport you were not consulted. Chief Stauffer stated he was not the Chief then. He advised it was Michael Fiedor. Attorney Doyle asked if he was consulted. Chief Stauffer stated does not know. He cannot answer this.

Attorney Doyle asked what is the approved budget for 2015. Chief Winkler stated for his Fire Budget it is \$190,000.00. Attorney Doyle stated page 15b of the adopted budge for Egg Harbor Township shows the Department of Fire – Other Expenses \$190,000.00 and aid \$150,000.00. Chief Winkler stated this is correct. Attorney Doyle stated the \$150,000.00 is for five (5) companies and having a statutory requirement of \$30,000.00 each correct. Chief Winker stated this is correct.

Attorney Doyle stated whether you had 2% more ratables in Egg Harbor Township or 2% less it does not affect the fact that they cannot give you more than \$150,000.00. Chief Winkler stated by State Statute they cannot give us more than \$30,000.00 for each company. Attorney Doyle asked to his knowledge have they given the maximum allowed under the statute. Chief Winkler stated he can only discuss the last couple years that he has been involved directly. But he is sure it has been longer than he has been a chief.

Attorney Doyle stated other than that the budget is \$190,000.00. He asked for how long has this been. Chief Winkler stated he believes it is the first year at \$190,000.00. Attorney Doyle asked what it was the year before. Chief Winkler stated he cannot answer. Attorney Doyle asked Chief Winkler if he knows what the size of municipal budget is. Chief Winkler stated not directly. Attorney Doyle stated in round numbers it is 38 million dollars. He indicated the fire department receives ½ of 1% of the budget. He indicated the testimony has been the effect of the budget would be lost and the ratables not supplied anywhere else. It would be a loss of \$2,000.00 in the Fire Department Budget. He asked if losing

\$2,000.00 in the budget cause significant injury to the ability to fight fires in Egg Harbor Township's mainland. Chief Winkler stated based on how the equipment is breaking down and the need for maintenance of equipment it is hard to say.

Attorney Doyle stated with respect to new equipment that is purchased what year did it start. Chief Winkler stated the first new trucks were purchased in the 1980's. Attorney Doyle since then it has been a revolving piece every five (5) years. Chief Winkler stated it was like that for a while but it was broken up and there was a couple years where no trucks were purchased. Attorney Doyle stated the capital budget proposes a six (6) year plan for the purchase of fire trucks over the next six (6) years for the five (5) companies which amounts to 3.7 million. Attorney Doyle stated for all the fire trucks that are purchased with the capital Seaview Harbor residents will be taxed for fire engines to serve people as a first responder when Egg Harbor Township provides third responder service. Is this not correct.

Chief Winkler stated that statement is not inaccurate. He advised if this was an actual fire Seaview Harbor we would be responding. Attorney Doyle stated by what Chief Winkler has said, Chief Stauffer and Chief Garth has said Longport comes first, Somers Point comes second and it is just a matter of time and distance. Chief Winkler stated o.k.

Attorney Doyle stated the ISO is not an issue of whether they are in Egg Harbor Township or Longport. Chief Stauffer stated it takes many things into consideration. Attorney Doyle and not knowing what Longport's ISO is we would not know if there is a difference in their rate. Chief Stauffer stated he really does not think it would. He advised if you read the ISO report it is the water distribution system. He advised the ISO report takes into consideration Longport and Somers Point fire companies already because they like fire companies within five (5) miles of your home.

Attorney Doyle asked other than the marine drill in 2008 has there been anything else of the fire companies that has been performed at Seaview Harbor. Chief Winkler stated other than the fire calls there has been nothing else. Special Board Solicitor Marcolongo stated they should add what Chief Stauffer has done with regards to the hydrants.

Attorney Doyle stated after a significant fire that occurred a few years ago there was a meeting of all the Fire Chief's to see how better they could respond to Seaview Harbor. Was he aware of this meeting or any changes policy in the last few years how fire events are covered. Chief Winkler stated no one changed the policy. Chief Stauffer stated this is not uncommon that Chief's and Officer's come together and critique a large fire. Attorney Doyle stated evidence was placed into the record from Chief Danz about mutual aid done by Egg Harbor Township for other towns or other towns for Egg Harbor Township. He advised this was by the Cardiff Company and Bargaintown. He asked if any other statistics kept for the other companies. Chief Winkler stated he is sure there is. Attorney Doyle asked why Chief Danz did not provide Scullville the one company that Seaview Harbor is part of. Chief Winkler stated he does not know. Would have to speak with Chief Danz.

Attorney Doyle stated Chief Stauffer mentioned as a whole all the business in Seaview Harbor including the fuel station and marina. He advised what else is there than 92 homes and a restaurant. Chief Stauffer stated it is part of his job that he performs in Seaview Harbor. Attorney Doyle is flushing hydrants part of your job or the Scullville Fire Department. Chief Stauffer stated no. He indicated New Jersey American Water Company flushes their own systems within Egg Harbor Township.

Attorney Doyle stated he has no further questions.

feared for larger fire and overtaxed.