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NYERI MUNICIPAL BOARD **Office of the Municipal Manager**

MINUTES OF THE LAUNCH, DISPLAY AND DEMONSTRATION OF THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE NEW FIRE ENGINES & EQUIPMENTS HELD AT WHISPERS PARK, NYERI TOWN ON 8TH JULY 2019 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT

County Executive

1. H.E. Mutahi Kahiga – Governor, Nyeri County
2. H.E. Dr. Caroline Karugu – Deputy Governor, Nyeri County
3. Mr. Benjamin Gachichio – County Secretary / County Head of Public Service
4. Ms. Esther Ndung'u - CECM Youth, Gender and Social Services
5. Ms. Margaret Macharia – CECM Education, Sports, Science & Technology
6. Mr. Muthui Kariuki – CECM Roads, Transport, Public Works & Energy.
7. Dr. Rachel Kamau – CECM, Health Services
8. Dr. Kwai Wanjarai – CECM, Lands, Housing, Physical Planning & Urbanization
9. Mr. Paul Wambugu – Chief of Staff
10. Mr. Ndirangu Gachunia - Economic Advisor to the governor
11. Mr. Newton Wambugu – Chief Officer Health Services
12. Mr. John Ngugi – Chief Officer Finance
13. Ms. Pauline Ndegwa – Chief Officer, Governor's office
14. Qs. Julius Ringera – Chief Officer, Transport, Public works, Infrastructure and Energy
15. Ms. Susan Kinyua – Ag. Chief Officer, Gender Youth and Social Services

Members of County Assembly

1. Hon. Kanyugo Mwangi, Leader of Majority Party,
2. Hon. Peter Kanyari – MCA Rware ward
3. Hon. Kiruga Thuku – MCA Chinga ward
4. Hon. Mary Wamuyu – MCA Gikondi ward
5. Hon. Simon Muturi – MCA Gatitu/Muruguru Ward
6. Hon. Nderitu Rotex – MCA Mugunda Ward
7. Hon. Stanley Wakibia – MCA Aguthi/Gaaki Ward
8. Hon. Gatheru Wamai – MCA Mukurweini Central
9. Hon. John Theuri – MCA Iriaini Ward
10. Hon. Rose Kamau – MCA

Nyeri Municipal Board Members

1. Mr. Jeremiah Ichaura – Chairman
2. Ms. Hannah Maranga – Chief Officer – LHPP&U/Member
3. Mrs. Mary Wangombe - Member
4. Mr. Charles Muya – Member
5. Ms. Perister Kigwa – Municipal Manager / Secretary to the Board

National Government Officials

1. Mr. Yatich Kipkemei – County Commissioner
2. Mr. Adiel Nyange - County Commandant

Agenda

1. Preliminaries
2. Opening remarks / Speeches
3. Display and demonstrations of the functionality of the new fire engine and equipment
4. Adjournment / AOB

Min1: 08/07/2019: Preliminaries

Prayers and Introduction

The meeting was started with a word of prayer by Rev. Richard Maina at 10.00am. The meeting was attended by over 200 participants. The representatives were drawn from various groups, organizations and individuals including Matatu and boda boda operators, taxi and lorry operators, market and street vendors, residents' associations, government agencies, institutions, Persons Living with Disabilities, professional consultants and County Government of Nyeri officials.

Min2: 08/07/2019: Opening Remarks / Speeches

Chairman, Nyeri Municipal Board

The chairman, Mr. Jeremiah Ichaura thanked the participants for availing themselves and being punctual. He applauded the County Government of Nyeri led by H.E. Mutahi Kahiga for giving the municipal board an opportunity to serve the people of Nyeri municipality.

He expounded the roles and functions of the municipal board. The major role of the board was to ensure efficient and accountable management of the affairs of the Municipality. He assured the members of public that he would steer the board accomplish its set objectives and goals. He appealed to the members of public for the cooperation and teamwork towards making the municipality a desirable place to live, work and visit.

The chairman said that the fire engines would enhance Nyeri's firefighting capacity and disaster preparedness. He also stated that the board will work in collaboration with the department of Gender, Youth and Social Services to ensure quality service delivery.

Leader of Majority, County Assembly of Nyeri Remarks

Hon. James Kanyugo, Leader of Majority, lauded the county government of Nyeri for their commitment and dedication to serve the great people of Nyeri County. He assured members of public that the County Assembly of Nyeri would offer the necessary support that the county requires to deliver their mandate. He also stated that they would offer their legislative and oversight roles as expected.

He said that the new fire engines would go along way in addressing the fire occurrences in the county. He urged the municipal board to collaborate with department of Gender, youth and social services to sensitize the public so as to ensure that the fire incidences are minimized.

Governors Remarks

The Governor H.E. Hon. Mutahi Kahiga thanked the members of public for turning up to learn and witness the launch of the new fire engines. He said that, after weighing the cost of maintaining the old fire engines versus the cost of buying new ones, it was deemed more prudent to buy new ones because their breaking down is minimal and their efficiency is higher. The Governor, stated that the fire engines were acquired at a cost of Sh100 million from Austria by Pewin Motors and that the two

new fire engines will greatly help to mitigate against frequent sporadic fires that are encountered daily.

He also informed members of the public that eleven personnel had been employed to ensure efficient service delivery. He urged officers to ensure they do their work diligently in order to give the Nyeri citizenry quality service. He also asked the Nyeri residents to give the fire engine operators an easy time, this is by making sure that the roads are clear and that the electric wiring of their houses is done by professionals in order to minimize the fires.

Min3: 08/07/2019: Display and Demonstrations of the Functionality of the Fire Engines and Equipment



Pewin Motors Limited in association with the Nyeri County Disaster Response Unit, Red Cross and St. John's ambulance exhibited an elaborate demonstration on how to manage fires and the ensuing procedures. Peter Kirigwa, the Chairperson of Pewin Motors Limited spoke of continued collaboration with the County Government of Nyeri while stating that these new fire engines have a longevity of 20 years and a guarantee of 12 months. They had specially trained 11 firefighters inclusive of two women.



The Mt. Kenya Region Red Cross Chairperson Gitonga Mugambi hailed the efforts that Nyeri County has put to curb disasters in the County while reiterating Red Cross' call to continue partnering with county government in disaster response. He stated that fire engines are not only used in putting out fires but are also used when other disasters occur because of their equipment and the trained personnel who handle the victims. St. John's Ambulance said they will provide an ambulance that will be accompanying the fire engines on site.

The state-of-the-art fire engines are able to put out a fire in a building that has 16 floors. They have a floodlight that can effectively light an expansive area in the dark in the event the fire erupts at night. The two fire engines now bring to four the number of working engines in the county.

Min4: 08/07/2019: Adjournment / AOB

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 3.35p.m. with a word of prayer by a volunteer participant.

Minutes prepared by

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