

Hamilton Township Board of Fire Commissioners

District #7

Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by acting President Hafitz and was followed by the flag salute and followed by a moment of silence for victims of the Boston Marathon.

Roll Call: Present were Adam Bendas, Fred Zauner, Jered Hafitz and Charles Belmont.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Fred Zauner and Seconded by Adam Bendas to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Chief's report: There were 105 calls since the last meeting for a year to date total of 353. The Chief reported that the ladder tests were done on the Engine and the Tower. Everything went well. One ground ladder has to be replaced and the Chief and Captain Pierce are looking into that. The blood borne pathogens classes have been scheduled. One will be at Station 17 in April and one will be at Station 12 in May. The Chief asked that the Board approve uniforms for the four volunteers that stay at night and help the duty crews. It would be 1 pair of pants and 2 shirts. Motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Adam Bendas to purchase the uniforms. Motion passed. The Chief also reported that we could purchase 25 sets of Morning Pride gear in a group purchase for \$60,000.00 and finance it over a 5 year period. The interest rate would be 2.65 or 2.95%. Eight of the nine districts would be involved in the group purchase. The vendor would clean the gear once a year and ~~by the vendor~~ test it every other year. This would allow us to have back-up gear which we do not have at this time. Chief Gribbon will handle the financing and Chief Antozzeski will handle the ordering. Motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Charles Belmont to ap-prove the group purchase. Motion passed. The paid crew is over Station 18 and have been there the last 2 days for training. The Chief also said that firefighter Bergstrom is leaving Sunday for the F.D.I.C..

Fire Official's report: The Fire Official had no report. Joe Earhardt reported that he will be interviewing 2 juveniles along with Fire Official Tom Gerrity from Station 15 in reference to some fires that were set behind some apartments in District 5. Joe also interviewed a level 3 juvenile from Hightstown.

Captain's report: No report.

Treasurer's report: Fred Zauner reported that he paid \$175,000.00 out of the \$300,000.00 pension bill. He said we received a late notice a week later. He said we can not make another payment until we receive our next check. A copy of the treasurer's report is attached.

Fire Company report: Joe Earhardt reported that there was no new information on the deal with Saul's. He said that their architect from Texas is doing a cost benefit analysis for them and that he will probably hear from them when that is completed. He said they will probably request a meeting and he thinks that the Commissioners should be present at that meeting. He also reported that since the Fire Company voted to extend the hall rentals into 2014, he called the newspaper to keep them informed and another article appeared in the paper.

Career Staff: Don Snedeker reported that he got the contract back from their attorney. John Marcucci is looking it over at this time. Don then asked if the paid employees would have any say in the new gear being ordered. He said that Jason Belmont would like to have thumb loops on his gear. Chief Bendas said that the gear is being ordered to the Township specifications and that the new gear does have thumb loops. The Chief said Captain Pierce will be the coordinator and he will have demonstrations and go over the specifications before the gear is ordered.

New Business: Bills totaling \$488,848.23 were submitted for payment. Motion by Fred Zauner and seconded By Adam Bendas to pay the bills. Motion passed. A copy of the bills is attached.

Deferred Business: Fred Zauner reported that we have the Hamilton Township agreement for the blood borne pathogens consultation program. Motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Charles Belmont to accept the agreement. Motion passed.

Public comment: None

Being no further business to come before the floor, motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Adam Bendas to adjourn the meeting and proceed to executive session for the purposes of discussing legal and personnel matters. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Belmont
Secretary