

# **Hamilton Township Board of Fire Commissioners**

## **District #7**

### **Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2014**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Acting President Jered Hafitz followed by the flag salute.**

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

**The minutes of the previous meeting were then read. Motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Adam Bendas to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.**

**Chief's Report: There were 147 calls since the last meeting for a total of 516 for the year to date. The Chief also said that the Tower was up at Absolute for a couple of days last week. He said the Engineer from E-One was there and he looked at the crack. The Engineer said there was nothing structurally wrong with the truck, but he did not know why it keeps cracking. The Chief said he took a lot of measurements and would take it back to E-One to look at and they would then get back to the Chief. The Tower is back. The Chief then said he was dropping the Chief's car off at Haldeman Ford tomorrow. He said it needs an oil change and the battery keeps dying. He said the battery is still under warranty and he believes that the new radio system keeps draining it. The Chief said that Captain Pierce's crew and Mercerville's crew did a nice job at the fire on Saturday and he thanked both crews. The Chief then reported that Joe Earhardt and**

he attended the schools safety committee meeting the other night. He said it went well and they mostly talked about bomb scares. He said it was mostly Police Department matters, but it appears we are all on the same page. The Chief said that Captain Pierce and Jay Bergstrom had gone to S.C.I., but he has not had time to sit with them to find out what they brought back for us. He then said that our contracts are in from Waterway and Air and Gas for our annual maintenance. The Chief said we have to get them approved. Motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Charles Belmont to approve both contracts. Motion passed. The Chief asked Captain Pierce if he had anything to add. Captain Pierce wanted to know how to proceed on the greasing of the Tower. The Chief told us that the last time the tower was at Absolute, they said we were greasing it too much and this time they said we were not greasing it enough. The Chief instructed them to e-mail him to advise him as to what to do, but they have not contacted him as of this time.

Fire Official's Report: Scott McCormick said he had nothing to report. He said he only had a service agreement from Empire Fitness. He said one of the elliptical machines was not working properly, but once we sign the service agreement, they will come out and repair it. Jered Hafitz asked about the equipment that the employees wanted to purchase for the gym. Ryan Schearer said they made a list and he thought they handed it in to us. Fred Zauner said he saw the list and the equipment would cost \$749.00 and that we had approved up to \$600.00. Motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Adam Bendas to purchase the equipment for \$749.00. Motion passed. Scott McCormick said that they are awarding grants up to \$25,000.00 for gym equipment to fire stations and that we should look into it. He said that a woman has been contacting him to offer her services to help write grants. Joe Earhardt said he could write them also.

**Captain's Report:** Captain Pierce reported that he finally heard back from Lockwoods and that it would cost \$150.00 to repair the compressor. He also reported that we can not fill the truck tires with air because the compressor is under sized. He said you need 120 psi to fill the tires, so the compressor would have to be rated for 130 psi. the current compressor is rated for 110 psi. The Board instructed Captain Pierce to advise Lockwoods to hold off on the repair and we will get prices on a new compressor. Captain Pierce said he would need an executive session after the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred Zauner reported that after paying today's bills we will have \$152,531.63 in the account. He said our next check from Hamilton Township is due in the middle of June, so he will probably contact the Township about the middle of next month about getting an advance on our next check. A detailed Treasurer's report is attached to the minutes.

**Fire Company Report:** Joe Earhardt reported that John Marcucci has heard back from Care One and they do not want to sell us the land for a new firehouse. Joe said he would like to meet with the Board in executive session to find out what the Board's intentions are before his next meeting. He said he will be holding a meeting in the next week or two. Joe then reported that we have had a rash of arson fires, but none in our district. He said there were three Crockett students who set a fire in District 3. He said the least culpable of the three was counseled under the Juvenile Fire Setter Program, but he has not heard back from the parents of the other two. He said he will reach out to them again. He said he also had a second grader from Lalor school who was lighting matches in the bathroom. He said he has not heard from his parents either. He said the Trenton Fire

Department is getting involved now in the County Juvenile Fire Setter Program. He said they have a Captain and four Firefighters being trained at this time and that would give them one platoon to handle these cases.

**Career Staff Report:** No report.

**New Business:** Fred Zauner said the only difference in the bills is the Citco bill. He said apparently Citco changed accounts, so from now on our check will go to Wex Bank instead of Citco. Bills totaling \$524,249.22 were then presented for payment. Motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Fred Zauner to pay the bills. Motion passed. A complete list of the bills is attached to the minutes. Charles Belmont read a resolution to adopt the Hamilton Township Fire Operational Guidelines. Chief Bendas requested that we hold off on the adoption until the next meeting. He said some items have recently come up and he would like to discuss them prior to adoption.

**Deferred Business:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

Being no further business to come before the floor, motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Fred Zauner 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  
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