

Hamilton Township Board of Fire Commissioners

District #7

Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Marcucci and was followed by the flag salute.

Roll Call: Present were Fred Zauner, Charles Belmont, John Marcucci and Jered Hafitz.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read. Motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Jered Hafitz to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Chief's report: Captain Pierce reported that there were 122 calls this year to date.

Fire Official's Report: No report.

Captain's Report: Captain Pierce reported that the snow plow on utility 17 is still broke. The receiving bracket has to be replaced. The Board instructed Captain Pierce to have someone make an appointment with Crescent Contracting to have the bracket replaced and to have the plow pump serviced. They were also instructed to leave the plow on the utility until it goes in for the repair and service. Captain Pierce also asked about purchasing a salt spreader for the utility due to the icing conditions in the parking lot. The Board felt that because the crews are out frequently that the salting may not get done. The Board suggested that they call a contractor to salt the lot.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Zauner reported that there was \$395,315.43 in the bank and that things will be a little tight until we receive our next check in March. He said that all of the bills for January have been paid. Motion by Charles and seconded by Jered Hafitz to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed. A full copy of the treasurer's report is attached to the minutes.

Fire Company Report: No report.

Career Staff report: Craig Crawley requested an executive session after the meeting. President Marcucci asked the employees to think about doing away with Delta Dental. He said that they only cover up to a maximum of \$1500.00 and they do not completely cover some items which the employees must pay the balance. The Commissioners pay \$1500.00 per person for the coverage. He said that he thought it would be better if the employee submitted the dental bills to the Board and we

would pay up to a maximum of \$1500.00. He told the employees to think about it and get back to the Board.

New Business: Bills totaling \$184,014.38 were then presented for payment. Motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Charles Belmont to pay the bills. Motion passed. A complete copy of the list of bills is attached to the minutes. Fred explained that the bill to the N.J. Division of Fire Safety is for the grant for the radios and computers. This was a \$15,000.00 grant and we pay \$1,902.24 once a year for the next five years. The Board also signed an agreement with the Township of Hamilton to do the blood borne pathogens training.

Deferred business: Fred Zauner then introduced the 2014 proposed budget for adoption by the Board. The proposed budget was approved by the N.J. Department of Community Affairs. Roll Call Vote: John Marcucci-Aye, Fred Zauner-Aye, Jered Hafitz-Aye, Charles Belmont-Aye and Adam Bendas-Absent. The proposed 2014 budget was adopted. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the firehouse for viewing.

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