

Hamilton Township Board of Fire Commissioners

District #7

Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2014

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

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

Motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Jered Hafitz to proceed to executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion passed.

When the executive session ended, motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Fred Zauner to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:21 pm. Motion passed.

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

Chief's Report: Chief Gribbin reported there were 115 calls since the last meeting for a total of 631 to date this year. He then reported that Life-Com will be shutting down. He said the County Executive felt it would be best if they moved in with County Fire Communications. Life-Com's personnel are being cross trained and their C.A.D. will be moved to County Fire Communications. There will be a short 15 minute down time while this takes place. The Chief also reported that the new radio system is still working on code plugs and they had to

get I.P. addresses for all of the mobile radios. They work with the Automatic Vehicle Locaters. He said once the code plugs are fixed and the I.P. addresses are assigned, the system will be ready to go on line. He said there is no rush, but the system should go on line sometime this summer.

Fire Official's Report: Scott McCormick reported that they completed operation graduation in all three of the high schools. He also reported that the Azalea Festival on Mother's Day went well. He also reported that he received partial paperwork for the Fourth of July fireworks and he will get together with the Chief on that. He said that Fred Zauner gave him a returned check from a business in District 4. He said he will track that down. Scott said he heard from the second grader at Lalor School, but there is a bit of a language barrier. He said that one of the Trenton Firemen who is getting trained for this program speaks Spanish and Joe Earhardt will reach out to him and see if he can assist with this child.

Captain's Report: Captain Freeman reported that while the men performed the apparatus checks this morning, they discovered that the protective coating on the wiring harness that runs underneath the platform is coming off and the next time the Tower goes for service it should be addressed. He said they also replaced a couple of lights.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Zauner reported that he requested a \$200,000 advance from the Township, however he received the full check 3 days later which was a month early. He said there is currently \$791,146.37 in the account after all bills are paid. Motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Jered Hafitz that we accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed. A complete report is attached to the minutes.

Fire Company Report: No report.

Career Staff Report: Craig Crawley reported that Local 84 is in favor of the Commissioner's proposal to eliminate the Driver's title. He said he sent a copy of the contract addendum to their attorney and we should hear back from him in a couple of days.

New Business: Jered Hafitz reported that he received an e-mail from Captain Palazzone requesting some work uniform articles for some of the men. The Board said to advise the Captain to order these items. The Secretary then read a letter from the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs appointing Fire Official Scott McCormick to the Uniform Fire Code Peer Review Committee. Congratulations Scott.

Resolution 2014-4 was then read, which states that Fire District #7 adopts and will enforce the Hamilton Township Fire Chief's Association's fire operational guidelines.

Roll Call Vote

Jered Hafitz - Aye

John Marcucci - Aye

Fred Zauner - Aye

Charles Belmont - Aye

Adam Bendas - Absent

The resolution passed.

Resolution 2014-5 was then read, which states that Hamilton Township Fire District #7 is entering into a shared services agreement with Fire District #3 for the purpose of sharing the services of a Fire Chief.

Roll Call Vote

**Jered Hafiz - Aye
Fred Zauner - Aye
Adam Bendas - Absent**

**John Marcucci - Aye
Charles Belmont - Aye**

The resolution passed and is effective May 20, 2014.

Resolution 2014-6 was then read, which states that the Fire Commissioners of Fire District #7 agree to abide by the duties and responsibilities of the Chief.

Roll Call Vote

**Jered Hafitz - Aye
Fred Zauner - Aye
Adam Bendas - Absent**

**John Marcucci - Aye
Charles Belmont - Aye**

The resolution passed.

Resolution 2014-7 was then read, which states that Fire District #7 enters into an agreement with Fire Districts 1,2,3,4,5,6,8 and 9 to contract with an agency to conduct a cooperative feasibility study.

Roll Call Vote

**Jered Hafitz - Nay
Fred Zauner - Aye
Adam Bendas - Absent**

**John Marcucci - Aye
Charles Belmont - Aye**

The resolution passed.

Scott McCormick then advised the Board of Fire Commissioners that there is a problem with the fire hydrant bill for the Briarwood Development. He said the Fire District doesn't pay for them because

they are on private property. Trenton Water Works has been billing the Fire Company who has nothing to do with hydrants. The Fire Company attorney sent a letter to Trenton Water Works advising them of this. We will have to wait and see how this plays out. Fred Zauner then submitted bills to be paid totaling \$326,069.90. Motion by Jered Hafitz and seconded by Fred Zauner to pay the bills. Motion passed. A complete list of the bills is attached to the minutes.

Deferred Business: None

Public Comment: None

Being no further business to come before the floor, motion by Fred Zauner and seconded by Jered Hafitz 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
Board of Fire Commissioners
District #7**