



**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT #7
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Vice President Jered Hafitz followed by the flag salute.

Roll Call: Present were Charles Belmont, Adam Bendas, Jered Hafitz, Chief John Retalis and Fire Prevention Education Specialist Joe Earhardt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read. Motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Adam Bendas to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Chief's Report: Chief Retalis reported that there were 121 incidents in the month of October. He then reported that tomorrow would be Captain Ken Freeman's last day of work due to his retiring. He said that there will be an open house all day for anyone who wants to stop by and bid him farewell and a luncheon at 12 noon. He then reported that the new gym equipment was installed yesterday. He said there are a couple items that have to be tweaked. The Chief then reported that the Township check came last Thursday in the amount of \$917,000.00. The Chief then said that the striping on the Fire Prevention car has been completed. He also said that the "Safety Day" was cancelled due to inclement weather. He said that they carried out Fire Prevention programs throughout the whole month of October and into the beginning of November. The Chief thanked Joe Earhardt for helping with these programs

Fire Officials Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Adam Bendas reported that after paying all of tonight's bills, there will be \$868,321.55 in the account. Motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Adam Bendas to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed. A complete Treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes.

Fire Company Report: Joe Earhardt reported that there has been no improvement in volunteer ridership and he will not be presenting his plan to the Township. He said the Company still wanted him to represent them on the issue of volunteer involvement and he will do so on the 29th. He said he would like to take Keith Hall along because he felt it would look better coming from a young riding member. Joe then said that Scott McCormick spoke with Graham Smith about getting trained for the Juvenile Fire Setter program and Graham declined. He then said they considered sending one of the paid employees, but they had some concerns. He said there is no one trained at this time, but he hopes that could be rectified in the near future. He said if no one could be found before he moves, he would write a narrative explaining what has to be done to get someone trained and run the program.

New Business: Adam Bendas then presented bills which includes two payrolls totaling \$307,361.19 for payment. Motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Adam Bendas to pay the bills. Motion passed. A complete list of the bills will be attached to the minutes. Charles Belmont then introduced resolution #2016-022 which was seconded by Adam Bendas and permits the Board to proceed to Executive

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Session after the regular business meeting to discuss an employees workman's compensation case and a prospective volunteer's application.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Adam Bendas	Aye
Jered Hafitz	Aye
Charles Belmont	Aye

Resolution #2016-022 has been adopted.

Adam Bendas then said that the Board should begin planning on replacing the ladder tower in the near future.

Deferred Business: No report.

Public Comment: None.

Being no further business to come before the floor, a motion was made by Charles Belmont and seconded by Adam Bendas to adjourn the meeting and proceed to Executive Session to discuss the items in the above resolution. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.



Charles Belmont, Secretary
B.O.F.C. District #7