

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT #7
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2016**



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

Roll Call: Present were Charles Belmont, John Marcucci, 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 Jered Hafitz and seconded by Adam Bendas to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Chief's Report: Chief Retalis said that he would have to give us the total fire calls at the next meeting because he did not receive them at this time. He then reported that "Jimmy G's" was advised about the ivy on the electrical panels and he said that would take care of it. The Chief then reported that the parts were in for Engine 17 and Fire Apparatus Repair asked if they could save that job for a day when they did not have too much to do. The Chief told them it would be ok. He then reported that Tower 17 is in need of four new tires. He said the back set of the rear duels must be replaced. He said that soon he would be getting prices and ordering them. He then reported that the new ladders he ordered came in and they are in service. He then reported that District #4 has removed their Engine from the building. The Chief then reported that he closed the B.P. and Citgo credit cards because they were both charging the district fees. The new W.E.X. credit card is the only fuel credit card that we have now and they do not charge any fees. He then reported that he worked on the first part of the grants, which is for gym equipment. He said he got prices on equipment and placed an order with "Gym Source" in Lawrenceville. The Chief then reported that he has two structures that we can use for drilling purposes. He said he gave the paperwork to Commissioner Marcucci. He said one building is the Mercer County Soil Conservation on Hughes Drive and the other is the Chrysler building on Route 33. He then said that there was a copy of a calendar that he gave to the Commissioners, which lists dates for items that have to be completed. The Chief then reported that A.D.P. said that we have to fill out a 125 plan and submit it to them. He said that the Auditor needs a copy of it also for her records. He said that for \$350.00 the payroll company would take care of the paperwork. The Board agreed. He then reported that Township Council has set two dates for consolidation hearings. He said they are November 17th and 29th. The Chief then reported that the test results for the Fire Prevention Specialist positions are out. He said he talked with Fire Official Scott McCormick and they decided to hold off on hiring anyone at this time. The Chief then reported that they have an appointment in about 2 weeks or less to get the Fire Prevention car lettered. He then reported that this Saturday is the Township wide safety day at the Marketplace from 12 noon to 4p.m. He also said that they are proceeding with the other Fire Prevention Programs.

Fire Officials Report: No report.

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Treasurer's Report: Adam Bendas reported that after paying all of tonight's bills, there will be \$195,020.05 in the account. Motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Jered Hafitz 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 after speaking with the Chief it became evident that the volunteers were not riding their shifts. He said he would not submit his plan to the Township of the other Fire Districts unless this improves. He said if it improves by the first meeting in November, he would submit it. He then reported that Richard Vaughn and he will be meeting with some realtors just to explore what possibilities exist for the firehouse. Joe then reported that he gave Fire Official Scott McCormick a copy of a letter that he sent to Hamilton High West. He said that the school changed their mind and decided not to educate the 3 turtle detonators. He said that the letter advises them that in cases like this where there is no intervention, there is 90% chance that they will do something of this nature again. John Marcucci advised Joe to reach out to NJ. Fish and Game. Joe then said that in reference to perpetuating his programs, Scott was supposed to talk with Graham Smith. He said that the Mercer County Prosecutors Office is having a training program next month and they will enroll Graham into that training. Joe said he has to speak with the Chief in reference to who might do Fire Safety Education. He said he will have a plan for the Board and the Chief as to all of the things that may have to be done by next meeting.

New Business: Adam Bendas then presented bills totaling \$311,596.17 for payment. Motion by Charles Belmont and seconded by Jered Hafitz to pay the bills. Motion passed. A complete list of the permits the Board to proceed to Executive Session after the regular business meeting to discuss an employees workman's compensation case, the upcoming contract negotiations and next years budget. The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Hafitz. The roll call vote was as follows:

John Marcucci	Aye
Adam Bendas	Aye
Jered Hafitz	Aye
Charles Belmont	Aye

Resolution #2016-021 has been adopted.

Deferred Business: No report.

Public Comment: None.

Being no further business to come before the floor, a motion was made by Adam Bendas and seconded by Jered Hafitz to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.



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