



**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT #7
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. 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 reported that District #7 responded to 121 incidents in the month of August. The Chief then reported that the bottom of the pump on Engine 17 has rotted out and is dumping water all over. He said they do not make that model pump anymore and it is hard to get parts for it. He said Fire Apparatus Repair fixed it temporarily and it would take 3 months to get the parts. He said the repair would cost \$8,000.00. The Chief then reported that F.E.M.A. awarded us our physical fitness grant. He said it has 3 parts, physicals, gym equipment and a P.T.S.D. assistance program. He said he called Princeton House and a few other places and asked them to submit proposals for this program. The Chief then said he was looking into whether or not they could purchase different equipment other than what they specified in the grant. He said there are some items they decided they do not need, but there are other items they would like to have. The Chief then reported that they had their first narcan save. The Chief then said he had one Firefighter request to take the E.M.T. class. The Chief and the Board agreed to wait and see how the budget goes and if we have the funds and if another course becomes available, approve the class then. The Chief then said that \$30,000.00 of the grant is marked for physicals and must be used within a years time. He said if we sent everyone, we would not use all of the money. Firefighter Hodnicki suggested that the Board approve a more comprehensive physical to use up the money. The Board agreed and said to have everyone go this year and then again next year. The Chief then reported that we did not change the meeting dates for the Board, because we did not know if the hearing dates were going to be held on regular Council meeting nights. The Chief said the other new hire started September 1 and is working out nicely. He also said that Firefighter Snedeker became Captain September 1 and he has him doing a lot of little things. He said he has him checking opti-coms, preplanning and pagers and radios. The Chief said they had ladder and hose testing a couple of weeks ago. Captain Pierce set it up for 4 Districts and they did a station per day. He said two of our roof ladders failed. He said he got prices of \$400.00 and \$450.00 to replace the ladders. He said he ordered them because they need them. He said they also had about ten sections of hose fail. He said three sections of 5 inch on the Engine failed which forced them down to a 1,000 feet. He said he got a price of \$95.00 per section to repair them and ordered it done. The Chief then reported that one of the Fire Inspectors had an accident with the Tahoe. He said a deer ran into the side of the vehicle damaging the right front quarter panel only. John Marcucci asked the Chief to advise the Fire Official that all of the electrical panels behind "Jimmy G's" are covered with ivy. The Chief said he would take care of it in the morning. The Chief then reported that

the new fuel cards have been distributed and they are working out well. Chief Retalis then reported that he is receiving checks from the insurance policy the Board has. He said he received a check for \$1900.00 for the first two weeks the driver was out. He said that will continue as long as the employee is on Workmans Compensation. The Chief then advised the Board that Amazon donated 250 smoke detectors to the District. He said they are the same kind that is used over at Traditions. He wanted to know if we replace a detector for a resident, are they allowed to put new screws in the ceiling when replacing the collar. The Board felt that as long as they had the resident's permission and their signature on a waiver, they could do it. A copy of the Chief's report will be attached to the minutes.

Fire Officials Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Adam Bendas reported there is \$502,915.79 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 distributed copies of a proposal that the volunteers hope the Township will adopt for the volunteer force. He said he will be sending them out tonight to the volunteers and then hopefully to all of the other Districts to see if they would be interested in adopting similar proposals for the proliferation of the volunteers. He said he would like to submit one proposal to the Township. Joe then reported that in reference to the Juvenile Fire Setter Program, they are going to meet with all three of the turtle detonators within the next couple of weeks. He also reported that the County is purchasing shirts for the Juvenile Fire Setting Team so that if they respond to cases outside of the District, they will wear a County shirt and not a Fire District shirt. John Marcucci asked Joe if he was looking into somebody to take his place since he is planning on moving. Joe said that he would get together with the Chief, the Fire Prevention Bureau and both the career and volunteer staff to see who would be interested.

New Business: Adam Bendas then presented bills totaling \$230,912.70 for payment. Motion by Jered Hafitz and seconded by Charles Belmont to pay the bills. Motion passed. A complete list of the bills will be attached to the minutes.

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