

December 11, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Fire District No. 3, Hamilton Township, Mercer County, New Jersey was held on the above date at 7 P.M. at the District Fire Station, 13 Rennie Street, with Chairman Joseph Zalesick presiding.

Chairman Zalesick stated the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Five (5) Commissioners were present: Joseph Zalesick, Patrick Gribbin, David Brenner, James Gramigna, and Gilbert Lugossy.

Motion by Commissioner Brenner, second by Commissioner Gribbin, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 Board Meeting. Motion carried. 5 YES votes.

Motion by Commissioner Lugossy second by Commissioner Gribbin to authorize payment of the District bills submitted, upon review by the Treasurer. Motion carried. 5 YES votes.

Secretary Lugossy reported receipt of the following:

- A. Check dated November 9, 2017 from Hamilton Fire District No.4 in the amount of \$109.48
- B. Check dated November 21, 2017 from Hamilton Fire District No.4 in the amount of \$595.44
- C. Check dated November 27, 2017 in amount of \$1304.77 from Verizon Wireless.
- D. Check dated December 5, 2017 in the amount of \$32950.26 from State of New Jersey for FEMA expense re-imbursment.

Also received was a letter dated November 14, 2017 sent to Fire Commissioner Gene Argenti, President of the Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners Association from District No. 9 Chief Mark Antozzski, President of the Hamilton Township Active Fire Chief's Association regarding details of the New On Duty Chief Program.

Treasurer Brenner presented the District financial report for the month of November 2017. Total revenue for the month amounted to \$1,045,315.51 and total expenses amounted to \$505,293.75. The balance in the PNC bank checking account as of November 30, 2017 was \$1,147,740.48 and \$321,069.97 in the PNC money market account. Balance in the PNC payroll account is \$117,424.00

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to accept the Treasurer report. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Chief Steven E. Kraemer that District and Rusling Hose Company personnel responded to 149 incidents during the month of November 2017:

- 24 fires
- 18 rescues and EMS
- 27 hazardous condition, no fire
- 9 service call

- 20 good intent calls
- 50 false alarm/ false calls

Motion by Commissioner Gramigna second by Commissioner Brenner to approve the Proposals submitted to provide insurance coverage for the District for the year 2018: VFIS Insurance to provide property and casualty insurance and Workers Compensation Insurance per their proposal at a cost of \$134,984.30. Motion carried 5 yes votes.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Lugossy to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District 3 Board of Commissioners and New Jersey F.M.B.A. Local No.84. Motion Carried. 4 yes votes. Commissioner Brenner abstained. Note: Contract covering the Period Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Lugossy second by Commissioner Gribbin to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District 3 Board of Commissioners and New Jersey F.M.B.A. Local No. 284 covering the Period Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2021. Motion Carried. 5 yes votes

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Brenner to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District 3 Board of Commissioners and Fire Chief Steven E. Kraemer covering the Period Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2021. Motion Carried. 5 yes votes

Chief Kraemer presented the proposed budget for the District for the year 2018. The Board entered into discussion and review of the proposed budget and its line items. The budget will not exceed the 2% tax levy cap in 2018.

Resolution moved by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Brenner to introduce on First Reading for approval the following: (see 2018 Fire District Budget Resolution).

**2018 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTION
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP #3
(Fire District Name and Number)**

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3 (the "Fire District") for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 has been presented before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of December 11, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the budget as introduced is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et. seq.) ; /: and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$4,422,630, which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$4,351,521, and Total Appropriations of \$4,422,630; and

WHEREAS, the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget shall be the amount to be certified to the assessor of the municipality to be assessed against the taxable property in the district, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-79. Such amount shall be equal to the amount of the total appropriations set forth in the budget minus the total amount surplus and miscellaneous revenues set forth in the budget; and

WHEREAS, in calculating the amount to be raised by taxation, the Fire District has taken into account the assessed valuation of taxable property in the Fire District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, at an open public meeting held on December 11, 2017 that the Annual Budget, including all related schedules, of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the Fire District's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District will consider the Annual Budget for adoption on January 8, 2018.

Gilbert W. Lugossy
(Secretary's Signature)
Gilbert W. Lugossy

Dec 11, 2017
(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
ZALESCIK	✓			
LUGOSSY	✓			
BRENNER	✓			
GRIBBEN	✓			
GRAMIGNA	✓			

Resolution Adopted. 5 Yes votes. The public hearing will be held January 8, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted, Gilbert W. Lugossy Secretary