

# December 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Fire District No. 3, Hamilton Township, Mercer County, New Jersey was held at the above date at 7 PM at the District Fire Station, 13 Rennie Street, with Chairmen Joseph Zalescik presiding.

Chairman Zalescik stated the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act Notice.

Four (4) Commissioners were present: Joseph Zalescik, Patrick Gribbin, David Brenner, James Gramigna, and Gilbert Lugossy. Commissioner David Brenner was absent.

Chairman Zalescik opened the meeting for the Public Hearing, as advertised, on the proposed budget for the year 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 Board meeting. Motion carried. 4 yes votes. Motion by Commissioner Lugossy second by Commissioner Gribbin to authorize payment of the District bills submitted, upon review of the Treasurer. Motion carried. 4 yes votes.

Secretary Lugossy reported receipt of a letter dated November 17, 2016 from Qareeb Bashir, Director of Fire and Emergency Services for the City of Trenton, New Jersey. The letter states that the City of Trenton is interested in purchasing our 2005 Seagrave 100' aerial ladder truck for \$150,000.00. Chief Steven Kraemer will follow up on this proposal and report back to the Board after further discussion at this meeting.

Secretary Lugossy reported receipt of the following check dated November 15, 2016 from Fire District #7 in the amount of \$45.00, a check dated November 23, 2016 from Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$1266.77.

The Treasurers report for the month of November 2016 was reviewed. Total revenue for the month amounted to \$947,711.99 and the total expenses amounted to \$348,928.99. The balance of the PNC Bank checking account as of November 30, 2016, was \$826,588.94 and \$420,714.96 balance in the PNC Bank money market account. The balance in the PNC Bank payroll account was \$49,885.55. Motion made by Commissioner Gramigna seconded by Commissioner Gribbin to accept the Treasurers report. Motion carried four (4) yes votes.

Chief Kraemer and retired Chief Gribbin presented the proposed district budget for the year 2017. The board entered into a discussion and review of the proposed budget and its line items. The budget will not exceed the 2% tax levy cap in 2017.

Resolution moved by Commissioner Gribbin seconded by Commissioner Lugossy to introduce on the first reading for approval of the following: See Fire District Budget Resolution 2017. Resolution adopted. 4 yes votes, 1 absent.

The Board will consider the 2017 Budget for final review and adoption at the January 9, 2017 Board meeting and Public Hearing as duly advertised.

Motion by Commissioner Gramigna seconded by Commissioner Lugossy to promote firefighter Michael H. Kiernan to the rank of Fire Lieutenant effective January 1, 2017 and to authorize the hiring of one new firefighter through the State Civil Service process. Motion carried, 4 yes votes.

Chief Kraemer reported that Captain Ferdinand Mather will be assigned to steady day shift (Monday to Friday) effective January 2, 2017

Chairman Zalescik presented a plaque to retired District Fire Chief Thomas T. Gribbin in recognition of his many years of service to Fire District #3 and the Rusling Hose Company. All wished him many years of healthy and happy retirement.

Chief Kraemer reported that the district responded to 100 incidents in the month of November.

- 9 Fires
- 38 Rescue & EMS
- 15 Hazardous Conditions, no fire
- 3 Service calls
- 11 Good Intent
- 24 False alarm, false calls

A discussion followed on the letter dated November 17, 2016 from the City of Trenton Fire and Emergency Services expressing their interest in purchasing our surplus 2005 Seagrave 100' Aerial Ladder truck and offering \$150,000.00 for the purchase.

Motion (Resolution #16-010) made by Commissioner Gribbin seconded by Commissioner Gramigna to approve and adapt Resolution #16-010: Resolution authorizing the sale of a 2005 Seagrave 100' Aerial Ladder truck known as Truck 13 to the City of Trenton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey for the purchase price of \$150,000.00. Resolution adopted. 4 yes votes, 1 absent.

Commissioner Gribbin moved and Commissioner Gramigna seconded moved to adopt Resolution #16-011: Resolution authorizing the Board to close the public in order to discuss certain matters pertaining to personnel and/or litigation. Resolution adopted. 4 yes votes, 1 absent

The Board entered into executive session at 8:15 p.m.

Commissioner Gribbin moved to conclude the executive session and return to the open public meeting at 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Gramigna made second to the motion, motion carried. 4 yes votes, 1 absent.

Motion made by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried. 4 yes votes, 1 absent.

Respectfully Submitted, Gilbert W. Lugossy Secretary