

December 14, 2015

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 station, 13 Rennie Street, with Chairman Joseph Zalescik presiding.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 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 12, 2015 from Fire District No. 4 in the amount of \$13,357.91
- B. Check dated November 16, 2015 from Fire District No. 7 in the amount of \$20,580.87
- C. Check dated November 16, 2015 from Fire District No. 7 in the amount of \$14,191.22
- D. Check dated November 23, 2015 from Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$1,229.87
- E. Check dated December 4, 2015 from County of Mercer in the amount of \$150.00

A letter dated November 15, 2015 was received from the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund regarding Cyber Liability and Technology Risks and Governance and a copy of a study on this matter prepared by Rutgers University.

A letter dated November 16, 2015 from Township Mayor Kelly A. Yaede regarding Fire District Consolidation was received and requesting a response to information required for the Township Fire District (s) Survey to be conducted by the State of New Jersey.

Treasurer Brenner presented the District financial report for the month of November 2015. Total revenue for the month amounted to \$965,847.37. This included \$917,144.47 from the Township for our District fire tax and \$14,198.00 from the State of New Jersey for the Basic Fire Entitlement Grant. Total expenses for the month amounted to \$195,320.71. The balance in the PNC Bank checking account as of November 30, 2015 was \$896,466.18 and \$579,754.27 balance in the PNC Bank money market account. The balance in the PNC Bank payroll account is \$213,107.71

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Lugossy to accept the Treasurers report. Motion carried. 5 YES votes.

Chief Thomas Gribbin reported that District and Rusling Hose Company Personnel responded to 96 incidents during the month of November 2015.

- 14 fires
- 2 Overpressure Rupture, explosion, overheat, no fire
- 44 rescue and EMS
- 10 hazardous conditions, no fire
- 2 service calls

- 11 good intent calls
- 13 false alarm/false calls

Chief Gribbin reported on a structure fire on South Clinton Avenue in our District on December 4, 2015 when one of our District Firefighters was injured.

Chief Gribbin stated that there is a target date of May 2016 for delivery of our new District apparatus.

The Board entered into discussion and review of the proposed District Budget for the year 2016. The Board Members and Chief Gribbin conducted a line item review and discussion on the Proposed Budget. The Budget will not exceed the 2% tax levy cap in 2016. The total assessed valuation of the District is \$411,833,900.00 and the proposed tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation is \$.892. Resolution moved by Commissioner Gribbin and second by Commissioner Brenner to introduce on First Reading for approval the following: 2016 Budget Resolution – Fiscal Year: From January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016:

2016 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTION Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3 (the “Fire District”) for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 has been presented before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of December 14, 2015; 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.) [*Include the following as appropriate: [includes a proposed public referendum in the amount of \$0.00 in excess of the allowable amount to be raised by taxation][includes a proposed public referendum in the amount of \$0.00 as an appropriation from restricted fund balance to be used as budget revenue]*]; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$4,025,579.00, which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$3,673,738.00, and Total Appropriations of \$4,025,579.00; 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 14, 2015 that the Annual Budget, including all related schedules, of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 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 11, 2016.

Gilbert W. Lugossy
(Secretary's Signature)

December 14, 2015
(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Zalescik	✓			
Gilbert Lugossy	✓			
David Brenner	✓			
Patrick Gribbin	✓			
James Gramigna	✓			

Resolution Adopted. 5 YES votes.

The Board will consider the 2016 Budget for final review and adoption at the January 11, 2016 Board meeting and Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to adjourn the meeting at 8 P.M.
Motion Carried. 5 YES votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Gilbert W Lugossy
Secretary