

January 9, 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 State Open Public Meetings Act Notice.

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

Commissioner Zalesick opened the meeting for public hearing, as duly advertised, on the District budget for the year 2017. There were no members of the public present for the hearing.

Secretary Lugossy advised the Board that the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services has approved the 2017 Budget that was approved by the Board on December 12, 2016. The Division has certified our approved Budget on January 6, 2017 and we can proceed to adopt the Budget at this meeting.

The Budget is within the State Mandated Cap for our District.

Resolution moved by Commissioner Gramigna second by Commissioner Gribbin to adopt the 2017 District Budget: 2017 Adopted Budget Resolution for the fiscal year: January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Resolution adopted 4 YES. 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to close the Public Hearing on the District Budget. Motion carried, 4 YES votes.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin, second by Commissioner Gramigna, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion carried. 4 YES votes.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Lugossy to authorize payment of the District bills submitted, upon review by the Treasurer. Motion carried. 4 YES votes.

Secretary Lugossy reported that the Township Council will hold a public information session on January 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Township Library concerning the Fire District Consolidation issue.

A letter dated December 21, 2016 was received from Hamilton Township Fire District No. 2 advising that they offer \$10,000.00 to purchase our surplus 1996 Spartan 3D pumper.

Also received were two checks: (A) Check dated December 20, 2016 from Fire Commissioners District No. 7 in the amount of \$906.00 and (B) Check dated December 27, 2016 from Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$1,266.77.

The Treasurer's report for the month of December 2016 was reviewed. Total income for the month amounted to \$9,373.44 and the total expenses amounted to \$373,311.00. The balances in the PNC Bank checking account as of December 31, 2016, was \$401,499.00 and \$420,739.90 balance in the PNC Bank money market account. The balance in the PNC Bank payroll account was \$228,851.57

Motion by Commissioner Lugossy second by Commissioner Gramigna to accept the Treasurer report. Motion carried. 4 yes votes.

Chief Steven E. Kraemer that District and Rusling Hose Company personnel responded to 97 incidents during the month of December 2016:

- 4 fires
- 44 rescues and EMS
- 14 hazardous condition, no fire
- 3 service call
- 10 good intent calls
- 19 false alarm/ false calls

Our personnel responded to 1,200 calls for the year 2016:

- 115 fires
- 4 over pressure rupture, explosion, overheat, no fire
- 504 rescues and EMS
- 46 service call
- 136 good intent calls
- 268 false alarm/ false calls
- 2 special incident types

Chief Kraemer reported that the State Civil Service Commission has approved the employment of Eric Griggs as a new firefighter for our District effective January 15, 2017 to fill a vacancy.

Motion by Commissioner Gramigna second by Commissioner Lugossy to approve Michael A. Manfredi as a volunteer firefighter. Motion carried. 4 YES votes.

Chief Kraemer report that fire applicants were interviewed for a vacancy of a District firefighter off of the State Civil Service list and the recommendation is to hire Eric Griggs.

Motion by Commissioner Gramigna second by Commissioner Lugossy to approve and appoint Eric Griggs as a District career firefighter. Motion carries. 4 YES votes.

Motion by Commissioner Gramigna second by Commissioner Lugossy to accept and approve the sale of our surplus 1996 Spartan Pumper to Hamilton Township Fire District No. 2 for \$10,000.00 in accordance with their letter dated December 21, 2016. Motion carries. 4 YES votes.

Commissioner Lugossy moved Commissioner Gribbin seconded that the Board adopt and approve Resolution No. 17-001: Resolution – Adopt Cash Management Plan – 2017year policy to be utilized by our District. Resolution Adopted. 4 YES votes, 1 absent.

Commissioner Gribbin moved Commissioner Gramigna seconded that the Board adopt and approve Resolution No. 17-002: Resolution – Temporary District Budget for the year 2017. Resolution Adopted. 4 YES votes, 1 absent.

Commissioner Gramigna moved and Commissioner Lugossy moved that the Board adopt and approve Resolution No. 17-003: Resolution; Authorizing the sale of a 1996 Spartan 3D Pumper, known as Engine 13 to Hamilton Township Fire District No.2, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey for a purchase price of \$10,000.00. Resolution Adopted. 4 YES votes, 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Gramigna second by Commissioner Gribbin to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried. 4 Yes votes, 1 absent.

Respectfully submitted, Gilbert W. Lugossy Secretary