

January 13, 2014

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.

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

Chairman Zalescik opened the meeting for the Public Hearing, as advised, on the proposed District Budget for the year 2014.

There were no members of the public present for the hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Brenner second by Commissioner Gribbin to close the Public Hearing of the Budget. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Secretary Lugossy advised the Board that New Jersey Division of Local Government Services has advised the Board that the 2014 Budget was approved on January 2, 2014 and can proceed with adoption at this meeting.

Resolution moved by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Brenner to adopt the 2014 District Budget: 2014 Adopted Budget Resolution for the fiscal year: From January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014:

(Resolution)

Resolution adopted: 5 yes votes.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Brenner to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2013 Board meeting. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

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

Secretary Lugossy reported receipt of the following:

- A. Check dated December 16, 2013 from Verizon Wireless in amount of \$1,159.27
- B. Check dated December 17, 2013 from Highland Claim Services in amount of \$694.29 (Ferd. Mather Claim)
- C. Check dated December 27, 2013 from State of New Jersey in amount of \$9,237.79 for expenses incurred during Sandy hurricane
- D. ACH payment on December 23, 2013 from Metro PCS in amount of \$1,824.98
- E. check dated December 27, 2013 from Highland Claim Services, Inc. in amount of \$1,050.00 for damages incurred on our property due to damage caused by lightning

Treasurer Brenner presented the District financial report for the month of November 2013. Total revenue for the month amounted to \$990,073.27. This included the quarterly fire tax income in amount of \$912,495.75. Total expenses for the month \$304,837.54. The balance in the PNC Bank checking account as of November 30, 2013 was \$1,207,667.13 and \$587,728.17 balance in the PNC Bank money market account. The balance in the PNC payroll account was \$205,382.98.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Lugossy to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Commissioner Gribbin moved and Commissioner Gramigna seconded the following resolution:
Temporary Budget 2014: The Commissioner of Fire District No.3 in Hamilton Township, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey hereby resolve to adopt a temporary budget for payment to be made prior to the adoption of the 2014 budget in an amount not to exceed \$593,619.00 pursuant to 40A:14-78.17.

Resolution adopted. 5 yes votes.

The incident reports for the month of December 2013 and the year of 2013 were received from Chief Gribbin.

There were 104 incidents for the month of December 2013:

- 9 Fires
- 40 Rescue and EMS
- 4 Hazardous Condition, No Fire
- 6 Service Calls
- 27 Good Intent Calls
- 17 False Alarm/ False Calls
- 1 Special Incident Type

There were 1,216 incidents during the year of 2013:

- 103 Fires
- 10 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat, No Fire
- 506 Rescue and EMS
- 53 Hazardous Condition, No Fire
- 53 Service Calls
- 333 Good Intent Calls
- 2 Special Incident Types

Firefighter Michael Caparbi retired as of December 31, 2013 after many years of faithful service to the District and Rusling Hose Company.

The Board agreed to send a letter to Otis Elevator Company to resolve the situation with the station elevator and the New Jersey State inspection report and to resolve the matter on a timely basis.

Motion by Commissioner Brenner second by Commissioner Lugossy to approve the Professional Services Agreement with the legal firm of Szaferman Lakind, True Counsel for the year 2014 at a retainer fee of \$3,000.00. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to approve the Labor Agreement with Hamilton FMBA Local 84 for the years 2014-2017 (4 years) pertaining to the District firefighters. Motion carried. 4 yes votes. Commissioner Brenner abstained.

Motion by Commissioner Brenner second by Commissioner Gramigna to approve the employment contract with Chief Thomas Gribbin for the years 2014-2017 (4 years). 4 yes votes. Commissioner Gribbin abstained.

Commissioner Gribbin moved second by Commissioner Brenner the following Resolution: Resolution-Adopt Cash Management Plan-2014.

Resolution Adopted. 5 yes votes.

A letter was sent on December 12, 2013 by Chief Gribbin to the State Civil Service Commission advising that the District will be extending the effective date of the payroll of Firefighters from December 31, 2013 until March 31, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted, Gilbert W. Lugossy Secretary