

# January 14, 2013

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 advertised, on the proposed budget for the year 2013.

There was no one present from the public.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Brenner to close the public hearing. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Chief Gribbin advised the board that the State Division of Local Governmental Services has advised the board that it is necessary to amend the approved Budget previously submitted in accordance with their review and recommendations. The board discussed the amendments to various line items in the 2013 Budget. These amendments included both anticipated revenues and budgeted appropriations.

Commissioner Brenner moved and Commissioner Lugossy moved resolution 2013-02: Resolution to amend the 2013 Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40 A: 14-78.3. Fiscal year: from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. 5 yes votes.

Motion by Commissioner Lugossy second by Commissioner Gribbin to conduct a public hearing on the final adoption of the Budget on Wednesday January 23, 2013 at 7PM. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Motion by Commissioner Brenner second by Commissioner Gramigna to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2012 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 of the Treasurer. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Secretary Lugossy reported receipt of two nominating Petitions for Commissioners for the Annual District Election to be held Saturday February 16, 2013: James R. Gramigna and Joseph T. Zalescik.

Also received was letter dated December 10, 2012 from Mayor Kelly A. Yaede regarding the settlement with The Trenton Water Works and the payment for the unpaid rate increase for 2012.

A letter dated December 13, 2012 was recent from the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay regarding the closeout of sub – Grant #09-05, quick attach vehicle- Foam trailer/ CBRNE. A total of \$64,665.51 has been paid to the District under this grant award.

A letter dated January 4, 2013 was received stated that Crown Castle has acquired the right to manage and operate the T-Mobile cell tower at our site.

Three (3) checks were received:

- A. Check dated January 14, 2012 from Verizon Wireless in amount of \$1,125.51
- B. Check dated December 21, 2012 from T-Mobile in amount of \$1,618.25
- C. Check dated December 24, 2012 from Metro PCS in amount of \$1,754.79 (Pay-mode ACH transaction)

Treasurer Brenner presented the District Financial Report for the month of December 2012. Total revenue for the month amounted to \$2,183,564.24. This included a District deposit into our checking account on January 2, 2013 from the United States Treasury for the Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$2,105,766.00. Total expenses for the month amounted to \$2,944,965.18. The balance in the PNC checking account as of December 31, 2012 was \$991,490.50 and \$386,606.54 balance in the PNC Bank money market account. The balance in the PNC payroll account as of the end of the month was \$85,782.79.

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

A discussion followed on the proposed Cash Management Plan for the year 2013. The Board reviewed the plan in detail.

Commissioner Gribbin moved and Commissioner Lugossy moved adoption of Resolution- adopt Cash Management Plan- 2013 – Resolution #13-001. Resolution approved and adopted. 5 yes votes.

Motion by Commissioner Gramigna second by Commissioner Gribbin to approve renewal of Life Insurance policy with VFIS Insurance Policy PT0454 for firefighters for February 1, 2013 to January 31, 2014 term in premium of \$3,026.40. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Secretary Lugossy presented the report submitted by Chief Gribbin for the month of December 2012. There were 116 incidents responded to by the District and Rusling Hose Company personnel:

- 14 Fires
- 45 Rescue and EMS
- 9 Hazardous Conditions, No Fire
- 2 Service Calls
- 33 Good Intent Calls
- 13 False Alarm/ False Calls

Personnel responded to a total of 1,352 incidents in the year 2012.

Motion by Commissioner Brenner second by Commissioner Gramigna to approve the Professional Services Legal Retainer fee for the year 2013 with Szaferman Lakind, P.C. in the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Motion by Commissioner Brenner second by Commissioner Gramigna to appoint Robert F. Ross of 20 Runyon Drive, Hamilton as a volunteer firefighter for the District. Member of Rusling Hose Company. Born on August 11, 1981. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Secretary Lugossy reported receipt of an Eligible Roster from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission for the Title of Fire Lieutenant. District firefighters Joseph A. Pushman and Michael H. Kiernan passed the examination and are declared eligible.

The Board will meet January 23, 2013 at 7PM to consider the 2013 District Budget for final passage and adoption. The meeting notice will be duly advertised in the Trenton Times newspaper.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Respectfully Submitted, Gilbert W. Lugossy Secretary