

# April 9, 2012

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.

Also present were Chief Thomas Gribbin and District Fire Official Scott McCormick.

Chairman Zalescik asked all present to observe a moment of silence in memory of Philadelphia Firefighter Robert Neary and Firefighter David Sweeney who lost their lives in the line of duty while fighting a 5-alarm fire.

Motion by Commissioner Brenner second by Commissioner Gribbin to approve the minutes of the March 12, 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 the following:

- A. Check No. 2491007 dated March 16, 2012 in amount of \$1,125.51 from Verizon Wireless
- B. Check No. 2300687 dated March 23, 2012 in amount of \$1,604.62 from T-Mobile
- C. Paymode transaction dated March 29, 2012 from Metro-PCS in amount of \$1,687.30

Secretary Lugossy read a letter from the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission regarding proposed readoption, with amendments, its rules governing negotiations, impose procedures, and compulsory interest arbitration of labor disputes in public fire and police departments.

The Board was advised about the Township Ordinance to supplement and update the fire code and fire prevention and protection ordinances.

Chairman Zalescik advised the Board regarding State Senate Bill 1774 regarding annual fire district elections moved to November general elections introduced by Senator Shirley Turner asking that the bill contain the same provisions as provided in the school board election laws.

Treasurer Brenner reported the District financial report for the month of March 2012. Total revenue for the month amounted to \$889,543.36 and total expenses were \$287,014.56. Total balance in the PNC Bank checking account as of March 31, 2012 was \$766,361.63 and \$385,926.53 in the PNC Bank money market account. The balance in the PNC Bank payroll account was \$184,139.34.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to approve the Treasurer's report for the month. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

The Board reviewed the proposals submitted by DePietto & DePietto, accounting and tax services, of Holland, Pennsylvania dated April 9, 2012 to conduct an audit of the District Financial statements and activities for the year ending December 31, 2011 at a cost of \$8,000.00. The board agreed to accept the proposal submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions.

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to approve the proposal submitted by DePietto & DePietto to preform the annual District financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2011 as a professional service agreement at a cost of \$8,000.00. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Chief Gribbin reported that the district and company personnel responded to a total of 96 incidents during the month of March 2012:

- 15 Fires
- 1 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat, No Fire
- 36 Rescues and EMS
- 4 Hazardous Conditions, No Fire
- 4 Service Calls
- 21 Good Intent Calls
- 14 False Calls, False Alarm
- 1 Special Incident Type

The Chief provided specifics on several mutual aid and structure fires. All personnel received their mandatory blood borne pathogen training during this month.

Chief Gribbin reported that our new 2011 FORD MODEL 350 pick-up truck has been delivered to our station. It was funded by a federal grant for Port Security purposes.

Chief Gribbin reported that notifications has been received from FEMA that the grant application under the FY2011 Assistance to Firefighters program has been approved. The approved project costs total \$1,963,211.00. The federal share is 80% or \$1,570,569.00 of the approved amount and the local share is 20% or \$392,642.00. The funds will be used to purchase new communication equipment for personnel and equipment for participating Mercer County fire entities.

Motion by Commissioner Lugossy second by Commissioner Gramigna to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Respectfully Submitted, Gilbert W. Lugossy Secretary