

January 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 Fire Official Scott McCormick and Donald Huber of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services.

The Board met with Mr. Huber to discuss matters of Shared Services and ways to gain additional financial savings and to work with the other Districts in Hamilton to seek to gain and improve financial and operational benefits to our district and its residents and taxpayers. The Board agreed to meet and consider these issues.

Motion by Commissioner Brenner second by Commissioner Gramigna to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2011 minutes. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

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

Motion by Commissioner Gribbin second by Commissioner Gramigna to approve the installment payment of \$37,409.00 to the FIRST Responder Joint Insurance Fund due January 31, 2012. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Commissioner Lugossy reported receipt of the following:

- A. Check No. 2417590 dated December 15, 2011 in amount of \$1,092.73 from Verizon Wireless
- B. Check No. 2231735 dated December 21, 2011 in amount of \$1,604.62 from T-Mobile
- C. Paymode ACH transaction on December 23, 2011 from Metro-PCS in amount of \$1,687.30

The Township Fire Commissioners Association will meet February 23, 2012 at Station 17 (Nottingham) at 7PM. Newly and re-elected Fire Commissioners will be sworn in by the Township Clerk.

Also received was a NJ Local Finance notice regarding the limits on Bid Acceptance dates for the year 2012.

Each Commissioner received a copy of the 2010-2011 Annual Report of the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.

Treasurer Brenner and Chief Thomas Gribbin presented the District Financial report for the month of December 2011. Total revenue for the month amounted to \$4,520.21 and total expenses were \$178,652.15. The balance in the PNC Bank checking account as of December 31, 2011 was \$695,621.51

and \$122,913.17 balance in the PNC Bank payroll account. The Balance in the PNC Bank money market account was \$385,686.21.

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

Chief Gribbin reported that District and Company personnel responded to a total of 134 incidents during the month of December 2011:

- 12 Fires
- 5 Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat, No Fire
- 55 Rescue and EMS
- 7 Hazardous Condition, No Fire
- 8 Service Calls
- 34 Good Intent Calls
- 13 False Calls, False Alarms
- 2 Severe Weather Disasters
- 18 Special Incident Types

The Chief reported specifics on two mutual aid structure fires. Also ground ladder and aerial testing were completed during the month of December. The district Santa Clause Ride was held December 18, 2011.

Commissioner Lugossy reported that proposals were received to provide video surveillance system for the outside area of our facility. It was recommended to award work to Security Dynamics, Inc. of 1931 South Broad Street, Hamilton, New Jersey.

Motion by Commissioner Lugossy second by Commissioner Brenner to approve the proposals dated December 23, 2011 submitted By Security Dynamics, Inc. to install equipment to provide an external video surveillance system for our building for security and safety reasons. Total cost \$3,882.00. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Chairman Zalescik opened the meeting on the public hearing for the 2012 District Budget. There were no members of the public present to comment on the budget. The notice of the meeting was duly advertised in The Times newspaper.

The proposed budget calls for a decrease in the District Fire Tax vote from the 2011 rate of \$0.800 to \$0.790 for 2012. The cap bank is \$209,156.00. The total assessed valuation of the District is \$444,200,650.00. The budget is within the State mandated 2% Property Tax Cap Law.

Secretary Lugossy advised the board that we received an email dated January 6, 2012 from Joanne Slezok of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services that the 2012 Budget that we submitted has been approved and that we may proceed with the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Lugossy second by Commissioner Brenner to close the Public Hearing on the 2012 District Budget. Motion carried. 5 yes votes.

Commissioner Gribbin moved and Commissioner Lugossy second the 2012 Adopted Budget Resolution for fiscal year: from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012: whereas, the annual budget for the Hamilton

Township Fire District No. 3 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 had been presented for adoption before the Board of Commissioner of the Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3 at its open public meeting at on January 9, 2012; whereas the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and whereas, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (NJSA 40:4-45.44); and whereas, the annual budget as presented for adoption reflects total revenues of \$6,495,575.00, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$3,511,221.00 and total appropriation of \$6,495,575.00; and whereas, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February in each established Fire District to determine the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the ensuring year. Now, therefore be it resolved, by the Commissioners of Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3, at an open public meeting held on January 9, 2012 that the annual budget of the Hamilton Township Fire District No. 3 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012 is hereby adopted and, shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of total revenues of \$6,495,575.00, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$3,511,221.00 and total appropriations of \$6,495,575.00; be it further resolved, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the director of the Division of Local Government Services; and, be it further resolved, that an annual election shall be held in the third Saturday of February to determine the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year, The results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipality Assessor. Resolution adopted. 5 yes votes.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Gilbert W. Lugossy Secretary