

Hamilton Township Fire District #4

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: November 11, 2010
LOCATION: District Headquarter

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Fred Yaede
Chairperson Commissioner Betty Newbon
Treasurer/ Commissioner John Newbon
Commissioner Chelsea Chrisner
Secretary/ Commissioner Keith Lesslie

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Betty Newbon at 7:32 PM . Meeting is being held with benefit of Public Notice, in accordance with the Sunshine Act.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Be it resolved that the Minutes of the previous meeting was approved.

SECRETARY REPORT - Oct. 15th - Received a check from Highland Claim Service for \$1,588 for Capt. Brian Newbon, and \$1,247.72 for FF Joe Horn. Both turned over to Treasurer. Oct 22nd – Sent Audit report for Year 2009 to township clerk and to Trenton Times to be posted in Newspaper. Oct. 22nd – Sent line officers of both fire station to state of NJ, Oct 27th – Audit posted in Trenton Times, Nov 1st – Received a refund of \$197 from Icon Health and Fitness, Nov 8th – Sent audit report to State of NJ, Nov 11th - Received check from Emergency Equip Sales for \$775.00, turned over to treasurer

COMMUNICATION:

Received a letter from FF Shane Mull in regard to the hiring of a new employee and promotion of a current employee. Board to discuss at workshop meeting.

Received a letter from Attorney Dan Graziano in regard to his service for the year 2011. Motion by Comm. Jo. Newbon, seconded by Comm. K. Lesslie to retain our attorney Dan Graziano for the year 2011 for the price of \$4,000. Motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Received a letter from Chief Gray in regard to the consolidation. The letter put in details of an overview of district 4 response.

Received a copy of a letter sent by our attorney Dan Graziano to Enterprise Fire company in regard to their company vendetta against Comm. F. Yaede. Secretary will file copy in communication file.

Received the NFIRS report for March and April of 2010.

Received a copy of the letter sent by our attorney Dan Graziano to the Hamilton Twp Tax Assessor in regard to executed initial statements of Organization claiming tax exemption for fire dist. 4. Secretary to file in communication file.

Received the car report for Chief Smolka. Comment to replace Catalyst per inspection.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Commissioner Lesslie made a motion to approve the monthly bills totaling \$137,447.76 which was seconded by Commissioner Yaede and unanimously approved by the board. Bills sheet is attached to minutes.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Betty Newbon - Reported that the new chair for the meeting room will be deliver on Monday. The company is deducting \$500 off the price due to the ones that were picked out are no longer available and we had to pick new ones.

Chelsea Chrisner - Nothing to report at this time

John Newbon – Engine 14-2 plug been fixed, Ladder 14 had the disc brake replaced, he received a letter from the health dept in regard to the Fit test, he will take care of it, would like the board to have a budget meeting within the next couple week, and Eng 14-4 will be donated to the fire school, but will be available to be use as a reserve engine in Hamilton Twp by any companies when needed.

Keith Lesslie – Nothing to report at this time

Fred Yaede – The sign out front has been installed and completed, plumbing work has been completed, working on the bubble room and the kitchen, discuss plans to have a memorial room on the second floor, and asking the board to meet with Station 14-2 within the next two weeks to discuss the consolidation and other problems. Comm. F. Yaede and Comm. Jo. Newbon will sit with them on Nov. 20th.

MONTHLY REPORT BY THE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

Chief Gray was unable to attend tonight meeting due to work.

MONTHLY REPORT BY THE ASST CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

Asst. Chief Smolka discussed some of the overview that was submitted by Chief Gray to the commissioner regarding the consolidation.

FIRE INSPECTOR REPORT

Fire Inspector Scott McCormick reported inspections are moving along. He asked the board how the phone calls for FM are being handled. All calls regarding FM are to be directed to Fire Inspector McCormick.

COMMENT FROM THE FLOOR

Pres. Rich Prutsky of Station 14-2 asked the board regarding some of the equipment still left at the station. Comm. Jo. Newbon will look into it.

A discussion regarding text message were being sent around in regard to certain members of Station 14-2. Chairperson Comm. Betty Newbon informed everyone that any text message that are inappropriate are to be directed to the commissioners to look into.

A discussion regarding some members of Station 14-2 do not have access to fire headquarters. Comm. Betty Newbon will check with Capt. Serben to give them access as well as to have all captains on duty to know how to give access when a member need a new key.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Chairperson Commissioner Betty Newbon mentioned that our next public meeting will be December 9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m at District Headquarter.. Our next workshop meeting will not be held in November due to the Thanksgiving weekend. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Commissioner Keith Lesslie, Secretary

Minutes APPROVED by Fire Commissioners on _____