

**Montgomery Township District No. 1  
Board of Fire Commissioner's Meeting**  
35 Belle Mead-Griggstown Road  
PO Box 130  
Belle Mead, NJ 08502

**Minutes of August 11, 2015**

**Call To Order** -- The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Spohn, following proof of publication in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was posted at the municipal building, the Board's office, and advertised as required by law.

**Roll Call** -- Upon Roll Call the following Commissioners were present: W. Spohn, T. Karsay, E. Fedun, J. Kessler, W. Hyncik. Absent: None. Also present: Chief J.Huxley, Attorney Griswold and Engineer M. Fedun.

**Approval of July 14, 2015 Minutes** – The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 14, 2015 regular meeting.

*A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the July 14, 2015, board meeting.*

*Motion made by Hyncik. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fedun. Motion passed without objection.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**- None.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Monthly Bills/Financial Statement Review** -- A copy of the Treasurer's report was made available to each Commissioner with a list and description of the bills to be paid.

*A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, to approve payment of the bills as presented, and to transfer money to the checking account for the purpose of paying the bills and meeting expenses.*

*Motion made by Hyncik. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kessler. Motion passed without objection.*

### **RESOLUTION 2015-35 – Payment of Bills and Transfer of Funds**

*The Chief Financial Officer having certified there are sufficient funds in the 2015 budget to pay the bills as presented, and having designated the accounts to which each should be charged, a Resolution passed authorizing payment of the bills as presented in the total amount of \$23,092.27 and authorizing the transfer of \$30,000.00 from the PNC Bank investment account to the PNC operating account for the purpose of paying bills and meeting expenses.*

*Resolution Ayes: Spohn, Karsay, Hyncik, Kessler, Fedun. Nays: None. Absent: None.*

## **MEETING UPDATES**

**Emergency Services** – No meeting.

**Fire Prevention** – No meeting; will meet later this month.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Rescue Truck** – The mid-manufacturing trip went well. Completion date now on or about September 4<sup>th</sup>. The final inspection will take place around that time. Barring further delay, the truck should be at the firehouse in mid-October.

**Water Rescue Truck** – Fabrication work should be done this week. Thereafter, light body work, lighting and painting will be done. A further report and estimates will be forthcoming.

**Command Vehicle** – The 2015 NJ State Contract price for the vehicle isn't available yet. The State Contract price for the vehicle's radios (programmed and installed) is over \$38,000.00. To sync with Somerset County Dispatch the radios must be Motorola.

*A Motion was made to authorize the solicitation of bids for the purchase, programming and installation of radios for the Command vehicle.*

*Motion made by Karsay. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyncik. Motion passed without objection.*

### **RESOLUTION 2015-36 – Authorizing Radio Public Bid Solicitation**

*Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-4, the purchase of Motorola or other radios compatible with the Somerset County emergency dispatch system (if any), attendant equipment (chargers, etc), and the programming and installation thereof shall be publically advertised for bid, proposals to be returnable and opened at 8:00 pm (prevailing time) on September 8, 2015, at the Montgomery Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 firehouse at 35 Griggstown Road in Belle Mead, NJ, during the board's regularly scheduled meeting.*

*Resolution Ayes: Spohn, Karsay, Hyncik, Kessler, Fedun. Nays: None. Absent: None.*

## OLD BUSINESS

**2014 Fire District Audit** – Underway.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Belle Mead Plaza Development** – The overall development proposal contains 4 parts – one of which is to develop the 5.5 acre wooded parcel located at the southeastern side of Rt. 206 and the Belle Mead-Griggstown Road intersection (between the firehouse and Rt. 206) to include a 2-story structure - multi-use (office and retail) on the first floor and 28 apartment units on the second floor (27 affordable units and 1 management unit). Plans call for the redesign and continuation of Covert Drive (which is the firehouse driveway - not a public thoroughfare - and the sole ingress and egress for emergency vehicles) to handle the traffic generated by the development. There are significant property and public safety issues associated with this proposed roadway design and it appears that zoning changes and approvals have been, and may continue to be approved without any input or notification to adjacent property owners. To no avail, Chairman Spohn has contacted officials in an effort to discuss the negative impact the plans as presently exist may have on the efficient provision of fire services and on public safety.

*A Motion was made to authorize Chairman Spohn to investigate hiring an attorney with a land use background if it becomes necessary to represent the fire district's interests in matters involving the proposed Belle Mead Plaza Development.*

*Motion made by Hyncik. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kessler. Motion passed without objection.*

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The fire company responded to 21 calls during July, 2015, including a structure fire, oven fire, building collapse, gas leaks. Responded (18+ hours) to massive No. Brunswick warehouse fire as well, during the course of which some hard sleeve suction hose was lost. 2 lengths were returned but it was not the right hose. The County Coordinator is working on locating the correct hose. If it is not located the chief will look into an insurance claim for the loss.

**Drills/Work Sessions** – Hydrant, drafting and tower ladder drill; work detail and truck & equipment checks.

**Fire Company Activities** – V. Fenton graduated from Firefighter 1.

*A Motion was made to approve purchases and reimbursements presented to the board.*

*Motion by Fedun. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyncik. Motion passed without objection.*

### **RESOLUTION 2015-37 – Approval of Purchases and Reimbursements**

*The Chief Financial Officer having certified there are sufficient unencumbered funds available in the 2015 budget, and encumbered funds in the 2014 budget, a Resolution passed authorizing the following expenditures:*

*1. Reimbursement to the MTVFC#1 Chief's account pursuant to receipts submitted for Baltimore Expo expenses (\$2,515.21) and FDIC expenses (\$80.00), both chargeable to the 2015 Training appropriation, and for expenses incurred during the Rescue 45 inspection trip (\$507.79) chargeable to the 2014 capital truck appropriation; 1 pallet of water (\$309.28) and various supplies for the water rescue vehicle (\$79.12), both chargeable to the 2015 General Operating appropriation – all to be added to the bills being paid at this meeting.*

*2. Two (2) lengths of 6"x 10' PVC suction hose, pursuant to lowest quote from NJ Fire Equipment Co., at a cost of \$1,144.00 including shipping, chargeable to the 2015 General Operating appropriation, pending the outcome of the County Coordinator's search for hose lost at fire.*

*3. Purchase miscellaneous Morning Pride Ben 2 helmet parts pursuant to NJ State Contract #A80948 from Skylands Area Fire Equipment & Training LLC at a cost of \$80.99, chargeable to the 2015 General Operating appropriation.*

*Resolution Ayes: Spohn, Karsay, Hyncik, Kessler, Fedun. Nays: None. Absent: None.*

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Vehicle Repairs/Service** – 45-103– Fire & Safety Services is coming to look at minor issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is to take place on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 7:30 pm.

*Motion made by Hyncik.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> by Fedun.*

*Motion passed without objection*