

**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 May 9, 2017

Call To Order -- The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Spohn, following proof of publication in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Annual Meeting Notice was published in the official newspaper of the district and provided to two other newspapers, filed with the municipal clerk, and posted at the municipal building, the Board's office and on the fire district website.

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

Approval of Minutes – The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 11, 2017 regular meeting. *A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 board meeting with minor corrections to be made prior to posting on the website.*

Motion made by Hyncik. 2nd by Kessler. Motion passed without objection.

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 and to approve payment of the bills as presented.

Motion made by Fedun. 2nd by Hyncik. Motion passed without objection

RESOLUTION 2017-24 – Payment of Bills

The Chief Financial Officer having certified there are sufficient encumbered funds from the 2016 budget and funds in the 2017 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 in the total amount of \$22,466.06 (\$1,065.00 from 2016 encumbered funds and \$21,401.06 from the 2017 budget).

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

Abstention: Fedun abstained from voting on payment to Harlingen Garage

Spohn abstained from voting on payment to Sunrise Office Systems, Inc.

The 2017 Supplemental Fire Services Grant was received and deposited in the operating account.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None.

MEETING UPDATES

Emergency Services – The two district fire companies are updating their records/operation plans per request of the OEP.

Fire Prevention – Meeting coming up next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

OLD BUSINESS

LOSAP - Commissioner Karsay met with the board's Valic representative and reviewed classifications and status of members with LOSAP accounts. Once confirmed, Commissioner Karsay will begin the process of recouping funds on account for non-vested members who are separated from, or no longer active in the fire company. New participants were enrolled in the program.

Firehouse Driveway Project – The fire company has been contacted by the property owner's family regarding plans for the property and the firehouse driveway.

NEW BUSINESS

Opticom – The Fire District #2 board has sent a letter to the township council requesting they consider creating an ordinance requiring developers to include the purchase and installation of emergency traffic control devices (Opticom) as part of their project approval process. This board is in favor of such an ordinance and will lend whatever support they can to move the matter forward.

Vehicle Collision - The chief's vehicle was rear-ended at a stop light and sustained damage. The insurer has authorized its repair.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The fire company responded to 10 calls during April, 2017. Calls included a CO situation, a trash fire and a motor vehicle accident with extrication.

Drills/Work Sessions – MSA carbon monoxide training and "Removing Downed Firefighter" training; truck & equipment checks.

FDIC Conference – Those members who attended reported that the classes and training were very worthwhile, as was information on new trends and equipment.

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

Motion by Hyncik.

2nd by Fedun.

Motion passed without objection.

RESOLUTION 2017-25 – Approval of Purchases and Reimbursements

The Chief Financial Officer having certified there are sufficient unencumbered funds available in the 2017 budget, a Resolution passed authorizing the following expenditures:

1. Reimbursement for ground transportation and meals associated with the FDIC Conference per receipts submitted, in the amount of \$945.67, payable to the MTVFC#1 Chief's Account, chargeable to the 2017 Training appropriation.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Hose and ground ladder testing was done recently. 6 lengths of hose failed.*
- Aerial ladder testing was done today.*
- Pump testing will be done this week.*

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is to take place on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 7:30 pm.

Motion made by Hyncik. 2nd by Karsay. Motion passed without objection.