BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 35 Belle Mead-Griggstown Road, P.O. Box 130 Belle Mead, N.J. 08502

Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2019

<u>Call to Order</u> – 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. The Annual Meeting Notice was published in the Courier News (official newspaper of the district) and provided to the Montgomery News and Packet Publications, filed with the municipal clerk, posted at the Montgomery Township municipal building, the Board's office, the fire district website and provided to any person requesting same prior to the meeting.

Roll Call – Upon Roll Call the following Commissioners were present: W. Spohn, T. Karsay, W. Hyncik, E. Lemon and M. Parise. Also present: L. Franchino, QPA W. Newberry, Attorney E. Perkins and Chief Huxley.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting were presented for approval.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 board meeting as presented.

Motion by Hyncik 2nd Karsay Motion passed without objection.

Public Comment - None

<u>Meeting Updates</u> - Emergency Services - No meeting; Fire Prevention - No Meeting.

Treasurers Report

<u>Monthly Bills/ Financial Statement Review</u> – A copy of the Treasurer's report, attached hereto and incorporated as part of these minutes, was made available to each Commissioner with a listing and description of bills to be paid.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and to approve payment of the bills as *presented*.

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

RESOLUTION 2019-47 - Payment of Bills

Upon certification that there are sufficient encumbered and unencumbered funds in the 2019 budget to pay the bills as presented, and having designated the accounts to which each should be charged, authorization is granted to pay the following bills included in the Treasurer's report in the total amount of \$41,106.35.

Operations: Rental Charges \$12,200.00; Maintenance & Repairs \$696.14; Utilities \$1,998.85; General Operating \$3,254.36; Training and Education \$1,680.00 Capital: 2019 Pierce Ladder Truck \$12,264.40; 2014 Water Rescue Vehicle \$8,992.60

(Additional detail regarding accounts charged and vendors is contained in the Treasurers Report)

Resolution Ayes: Spohn, Hyncik, Karsay, Lemon, Parise. Nays: None Abstentions noted for Spohn and Karsay for limited items pursuant to annual notice.

QPA Newberry reported that all of the items contained in the August requisitions have now been received. Several of the September requisitions have yet to be delivered. The invoice from Accurate Information Services for background checks now revised to reflect the BOFC as recipient has been received. The fire prevention hats have also been delivered. The 5" hose for the ladder apparatus has been ordered.

New Business

Chief Huxley noted that the audio receiver in the meeting room has ceased to function. The unit is beyond its normal life expectancy. He requested approval to purchase a new unit from the training accounting for \$229.00.

Old Business

Audit- Lynn Franchino will follow up with the auditor on the audit and LOSAP audit.

Gear Washer/Dryer – Continuing review of options for drain installation.

SFS Grant – Invoice returned to township. Awaiting payment.

New Aerial Apparatus - No report.

<u>Chiefs Report</u> - Chief Huxley reported that there were 20 calls in the month of September. The new boat and trailer are now in service. Drills last month included a water rescue and review of operations with the new boat as well as a drill on reading smoke. Five members have been measured for new gear. Department physicals are scheduled for October 21st.

Requisitions were submitted for a stainless steel rescue litter, a litter float with yellow collar and a plastic blackboard with straps. These items are all for the new tower and will be charged to the capital account. Additional equipment requisitions included 30 Nomex hoods, 8 streamlights and 3 batteries. Requisition items for EMS include a Dyn-Glo portable propane heater (Home Depot), a 20 lb. propane tank (Home Depot) and a misting fan (Amazon).

RESOLUTION 2019-48 Approval of Purchases and Requisitions

Upon certification that there are sufficient unencumbered funds available in the 2019 budget, authorization is granted for the requisitions and reimbursements as set forth above.

Motion: Hyncik 2nd Lemon Motion passed without objection.

Engineers Report

Commissioner Lemon reported that all the PM's have been completed on the apparatus. Testing on the tower will be scheduled with Fail Safe. Both the Chief and Deputy Chief's cars both require service. The check engine light and rear camera on E 45-2 are malfunctioning. The steamer valve and u-bolts on E 45-3 will be repaired.

2020 Budget – Chairman Spohn distributed a spreadsheet detailing past and present expenditures. An initial budget for 2020 will be detailed at the November meeting with adoption anticipated at the December meeting in accordance with the State guidelines. He noted possible capital items for consideration including the washer/dryer (\$30,000); weight room equipment (\$15,000); I-pads for the apparatus (\$10,000); repair/replace the building generator (\$50,000) and replacement of the utility (\$100,000). He also noted the on-going consideration of hiring part-time firefighters on a per diem basis for daytime coverage.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.