

**MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014
16 CENTRE DRIVE**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Commissioner Gerald Kaplan.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Performed.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Observed.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT

The meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act having been published in the newspaper, posted on the bulletin board in the Office of the Township Clerk and notices sent to those requesting such.

5. ROLL CALL

0 Commissioner Leslie Barta
 x Commissioner Joseph O. Haff
 x Commissioner Gerald Kaplan
 x Commissioner Joel Kaplan
 x Commissioner Jim Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Massoni, Robert Schwartz

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2014 Motion by Jim Fisher, seconded by Joel Kaplan, all present approved.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD TREASURER

\$894,031.27, all in Provident Bank.

8. REPORT FROM THE BOARD AUDITOR

Roll call vote to authorize all line transfers in budget. Motion passed. Now have a circulated list of all monthly bills to be paid. We have attached a copy of the budget proposed for next year. 2014 audit outsourced and has been completed. Schedule of findings and weaknesses -- there were none. Highlights of audit were very good, as to control of expenses by the commissioners. Finished under budget for the entire year. Need resolution to accept new budget for 2015. Motion by Gerald Kaplan, seconded by Joel Kaplan. All present voted aye. 2015 budget proposed (see attached). Change will move tax rate from .185 in 2014 to .186 in 2015. We put forth a resolution to accept the new budget. Total appropriation for 2015 is \$4,924,606. Amount taxed is \$4,837,106, which results in the .186 tax rate. Roll call to accept. All voting aye.

9. OPERATIONS REPORT

See attached.

10. PURCHASE AND SERVICE REQUESTS

Hose purchases 10 pieces @ 1 ½ inch for \$960. 10 pieces @ 3" for \$2,830. New pump installed at 23 A, running electric to pump for \$1,250. Total expenditures \$4,080.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Received donations of \$70 for battery replacement. Received \$350 from Greenbrier/Wittingham.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Passed request for Xmas present for bookkeeper and secretary.

13. CHAIRMAN TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No public present.

14. MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion request to move to Executive Session at 7:55 to discuss disciplinary hearing.

15. RECONVENE REGULAR PORTION OF MEETING

Reconvene at 8:45. Vote on disciplinary meeting hearing. Three votes for 30 day suspension, two lost vacation days, and one year probation. Two votes for termination.

16. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:55 PM

MOTION – Jim Fisher
SECOND – Joe Haff
ALL IN FAVOR X ABSTAIN 0

The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Fire District No. 3 Board of Fire Commissions will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Firehouse located at 16 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831.

Approved agendas, minutes and notices will be posted to the Monroe Township Fire District No. 3 Board of Fire Commissioners' website is www.mtfd3.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary