

**MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014  
16 CENTRE DRIVE**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Fireman Lt. Link, Robert Schwartz, Joe Massoni, R. McCluskey, S Gorbe, J. Kuhns and Chief Gasiorowski.

**6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2013** Motion by Joel Kaplan, seconded by Jim Fisher, all approved.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD TREASURER**

\$1,359,960.21 all in Provident Bank.

**8. REPORT FROM THE BOARD AUDITOR**

State has accepted our approved budget. We will accept at this meeting. Motion to approve the budget Joel Kaplan, and seconded Gerald Kaplan. All accepted except for Les Barta who was not in attendance. Adopted budget will be \$4,863,000. Total to be taxed will be \$4,746,500. This is an increase of \$146,000 over last year's budget. Increase due to increased salaries and health costs. Taxes will increase .006 per \$100 of assessed value.

**9. OPERATIONS REPORT**

See attached. Gathering data on mold issue by Lann Company. They should have repair report by 2/15. Mold was caused by vapor barrier and condensation. Cost will be \$3,500 to assess the problem. New problem is safety issue at 23A. Low bid to repair will be \$6,600. Motion to approve repairs by Gerald Kaplan, seconded by Joe Haff. Members all approved. Received emergency allocation from FEMA for \$22,254.30 for emergency generator. Must put together bid package for installation and purchase.

**10. PURCHASE AND SERVICE REQUESTS**

We received a \$350 donation which we will use to purchase a \$259 grill for the firemen. Need \$3,528 for two defibrillators and carrying cases. Requesting \$2,253.75 for firemen’s metals and awards. Motion to accept cost by Joel Kaplan, seconded by Joe Haff. Received additional income by billing county \$3,322 for fuel spill. Also \$2,095.20 for waste management vehicle fire. Received an additional \$275 for EMS. It was part of the Cost Recovery Voucher received from the county.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

**13. CHAIRMAN TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

J. Kuhns inquired if generator uses propane or natural gas. Asked for parking lot light progress. Questions no charge for smoke detectors inspection. Steve Gorbe questions fire prevention cost of \$32,000 for firemen. We are still setting up a contract to pay someone. Asked where we stand with consolidation news.

**14. MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to convene to executive session at 7:50 PM. Motion by Joel Kaplan, seconded by Jim Fisher. All approved.

**15. RECONVENE REGULAR PORTION OF MEETING**

Reconvene from executive session at 8:18 PM. Made resolution to adopt 2014 budget in compliance with revenue cap. Roll call vote approved by all.

**16. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 PM**

MOTION – Jim Fisher  
SECOND – Gerald Kaplan  
ALL IN FAVOR   X   ABSTAIN   0    
Les Barta absent

The next scheduled Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Fire District No. 3 Board of Fire Commissions will take place on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 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](http://www.mtfd3.com).

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary