

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 -- absent
 Commissioner Joseph O. Haff
 Commissioner Gerald Kaplan
 Commissioner Joel Kaplan
 Commissioner Jim Fisher

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Massoni, Robert Schwartz, R. McCloskey, and Steve Gorbe.

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AUGUST 5, 2014 Motion by Joel Kaplan, seconded by Jim Fisher, all approved with Les Barta absent.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD TREASURER

\$726,120.88, all in Provident Bank.

8. REPORT FROM THE BOARD AUDITOR

Received monthly report from township. Preparing new report on all outstanding bills. Motion to approve Joe Haff, seconded by Jim Fisher. All approved. Hired firm to do the audit. Waiting on third quarter check from township. Running separate payroll check. Next year's budget process to be started. Joel Kaplan and Jim Fisher will work on that. Changes in budget form from Trenton. They are tightening up on controls. They want to know why anything has any large changes. Want to know if there is any nepotism connection. Looking for any travel costs, auto allowances, and discriminatory spending. Want us to supply a five year plan on expenditures.

9. OPERATIONS REPORT

See attached. Mold issue taken care of. Men are back in bunk room. Work completed on water proofing and have replaced water barrier and sheet rocking. Still working on generator, everything in place but waiting on contractor.

10. PURCHASE AND SERVICE REQUESTS

Purchase new flags and pole for \$511.65. Pump requested for \$2,802 and \$4,000 for upgrading radio system. If Monroe Township has a failure we will switch to East Brunswick. Total expenditures were \$13,713.65. Motion to approve expenditures by Joe Haff, seconded by Joel Kaplan. All approved. Accepting bids for new furnace. Have two bids, need a third.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Received check for \$300 from a fund raiser conducted by Chelsea.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Gerry and Joel Kaplan had a meeting with the township including Districts 1 and 2. Issue of volunteers came up, but we have no money to train and equip. We will wait to see if we get reimbursed for calls in Districts 1 and 2. In a meeting with councilman Liebowitz, we expressed our concerns. All districts have turned down the concept of township chief. Told Districts 1 and 2 of their need to reimburse us \$300,000 for us covering the calls. They took this proposal to their meeting and did nothing. We also suggested a single fire department for Monroe Township. Due to the holiday, changing November meeting to Wednesday the 12th.

13. CHAIRMAN TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Steve Gorbe commented.

14. MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move to executive session at 8:05. Discussing new positions of new fireman and Lieutenant.

15. RECONVENE REGULAR PORTION OF MEETING

Reconvene meeting at 8:20.

16. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:20 PM

MOTION – Joe Haff
SECOND – Jim Fisher
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, October 14, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary