

**MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015
16 CENTRE DRIVE**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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

Commissioner Leslie Barta—arrived late
 Commissioner Joseph O. Haff
 Commissioner Gerald Kaplan
 Commissioner Joel Kaplan
 Commissioner Jim Fisher

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

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2014

Motion by Joel Kaplan, seconded by Gerald Kaplan, all present approved.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD TREASURER

\$1,866,821.70, all in Provident Bank.

8. REPORT FROM THE BOARD AUDITOR

The end of the year financial report has been distributed, along with the budget and monthly bills to be paid. The budget increase is due mostly to health insurance premiums. Motion to approve budget by Gerald Kaplan, seconded by Joel Kaplan. All approved. The state requested additional data, we complied and they accepted. We had to have a vote on it. The motion was by Joel Kaplan, seconded by Les Barta. All approved.

9. OPERATIONS REPORT

See attached. Two additional resident fires in December. One in Whittingham, occurred in fireplace. Insurance companies investigating. Involved three units of the five unit residence. Second fire on Buckelew Avenue. Had no smoke detector. Elderly woman resident suffered smoke inhalation and send to hospital. We gave her new smoke detector and have her dealing with social services.

10. PURCHASE AND SERVICE REQUESTS

Needed \$1,215 for fuel pump electrical connection. Needed \$195 for training seminar for three applicants, located at Lakewood, New Jersey. Purchase request motion to approve by Les Barta, seconded by Joel Kaplan. All approved.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Received donations of \$75 for battery replacement. Red Cross requested volunteers to go door to door for smoke detection battery replacement. Forsgate home owners donated \$225 for using our meeting room. Received \$5,935.43 for August incident from the breaking of underground gas line.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Joe Haff working on free dermatology exam for firemen. We are still trying to get land extension at 23A for greater access of equipment.

13. CHAIRMAN TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Steve Gorbe asked what is going on District One in regard to paid firemen. We explained that they have lost the court case, but they are now in appeal. He suggested I write a letter to the editor on the fire hydrant problem we are working on. As requested previously, we are working on a breakdown of fire calls. Answer the question of the total maintenance on EMA which is one third paid by the township. Asked about medical insurance only for fire personnel, not commissioners. Asked if we can get land at 23A by using eminent domain. To get approval for consolidation, we need a 5% approval of registered voters in Monroe.

14. MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

15. RECONVENE REGULAR PORTION OF MEETING

16. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 PM

MOTION – Les Barta
SECOND – Joel Kaplan
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, February 10, 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