

**MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016
16 CENTRE DRIVE**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

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
 Commissioner Joseph O. Haff
 Commissioner Gerald Kaplan
 Commissioner Joel Kaplan
 Commissioner Jim Fisher

ALSO PRESENT:

Board Attorney Robert Schwatz

ABSENT: Chief Gasiorowski and Board Accountant Joe Massoni

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2016

Motion: Les Barta

Second: Joel Kaplan

All In Favor Abstain 1 (Commissioner Fisher)

**Commissioner Gerald Kaplan was contacted via cell phone to approve minutes

7. FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD TREASURER

Commissioner Joel Kaplan reported \$2,028,140.87 all in Provident Bank

MOTION: Jim Fisher

SECOND: Les Barta

ALL IN FAVOR: X **ABSTAIN:** 0

8. REPORT FROM THE BOARD ACCOUNTANT

Board Accountant Joe Massoni absent due to tax season

9. OPERATIONS REPORT

(See Attached)
Monthly Activity Report
Incident Run Log

10. PURCHASE AND SERVICE REQUESTS

-Les Barta introduced request for 2 new computers and 2 new docking stations. Current computers and docking stations are 9 years old. These computers are used for locations and apparatus requirements. Les Barta had discussion previously with Chief Gasiorowski and both agree on purchase. 2016 budget, line E-06 will cover this purchase up to and not exceed \$8,600. Les Barta will get best quotes.

MOTION: Les Barta
SECOND: Joe Haff
ALL IN FAVOR: X **ABSTAIN:** 0

-Chief approved purchase of wood to mount decorative hose in Station 23A. \$50 (see below)

From the Chief:

-Turnout Gear update: FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant program approved a new set of turnout gear for entire department. In 2015, we received approval from FEMA for \$92,532.00 to replace our gear with a 10% match from the district. It breaks down to FEMA's portion \$84,120.00 and the Fire District's portion of \$8,412.00. This includes turnout coats, pants, boots, gloves, helmets and a hood.

In the past, we were purchasing 5 sets per year due to the fact that our turnout gear should be replaced every 10 years. The cost for one set of gear was \$2,955.00. We replace turnout coat, pants and boots for that price. Every year, there was a price increase from the vendor that supplied our turnout gear.

After extensive research and obtaining quotes, we selected a turnout gear company that met our specifications to reduce cost without diminishing any safety factors or reduce protection, with a reduced cost enabling us to purchase an additional 3 sets of gear, updating our inventory for our substitute firefighters, for a total of 36 sets of gear, with our cost being \$8,412.00

11. CORRESPONDENCE

-No update or any further communication from FEMA 2/19/2016 received a statement regarding Hurricane Sandy closeout paperwork stating we should be receiving \$13,562.31, there was no information relating to when we will receive the additional reimbursement.

-We received a check for \$50 from the Builders Club of the Monroe Township Middle School. They raised money by selling Philly Soft Pretzels and donated the proceeds to our Fire District. Chief acknowledged the donation and sent them a thank you letter. The firefighters of Station 23A have designed a project utilizing expired hose to create an American Flag. They need a 4x8 piece of plywood and it was granted. We will use the donation money, when the project is complete, we will invite the Builders Club to see the final project and explain that we used their money for the development of the hose flag design.

-We received a thank you letter from the Ohlson, Liquari and Campbell families for flowers and accompanying message.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

-Chief may apply for a grant from Ocean's First. It is for \$500. Les Barta suggests, if awarded, putting that money towards purchasing a defibrillator for Station B, as currently, there is none.

-Joel Kaplan suggests meeting with Mayor Tamburro to obtain more ratables. Barta explained that must be done by the Township.

-No update with land purchase at Station 23A.

13. CHAIRMAN TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

N/A

14. MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:45pm

Motion: Les Barta
Second: Joe Haff
All In Favor x Abstain: 0

MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Les Barta
Second: Joe Haff
ALL IN FAVOR: X ABSTAIN: 0

15. RECONVENE REGULAR PORTION OF MEETING 8:00pm

16. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:00 PM

MOTION: Les Barta
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, MAY 10, 2016 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