

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3  
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 3, Township of Lower was held on January 19, 2016 at the Erma Fire House, County Airport, Erma, New Jersey, with the work session commencing at 7 pm. The meeting was opened with a flag salute. Reading of the open Public Meeting Act, all exits were acknowledged; roll was called; all Commissioners were present, also present were Solicitor Gelzunas, Chief Lepor, Bob Sweeten. Fire Department members that were present were Robertson, Parker, Devlin and Gible.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved on motion of Commissioner G. Douglass and seconded by Commissioner Robertson.

**TREASURER'S / BILLS PRESENTED REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was approved on motion by Commissioner S. Douglass and seconded by Commissioner Robertson. Bills, as presented was approved of motion of Commissioner S. Douglass and seconded by Commissioner Robertson.

**CORRESPONDENCE / PLAN REVIEW**

Received statement from VFIS for Robert Post  
Received Statement from Losap

**BUREAU NEWS**

Commissioner Robertson stated that on January 1, 2016 Jerry Inderwise became a Full Time Inspector, he went on to say that Jerry submitted a letter to all the Commissioners in the 3 Districts thanking them for the opportunity to serve full time.

Commissioner Robertson stated that the 2016 Budget was approved for the Bureau and stated that the question about the possible short fall on insurance line and terminal leave was answered by the treasurer for the Township and she said they are okay. He also stated that the New Vehicle in the budget was ordered.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Vacant Commissioner's seat- Commissioner S. Douglass made a motion to Nominate Bob Sweeten to fill vacant seat, Commissioner Robertson seconded and all was in favor.

2. Building repairs- Commissioner Van Mourik stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting/walk through with contractors took place. All bids will be received Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Architects office then delivered to and received by Commissioners at 4pm.
3. New Fire Truck- Trip was made to Wisconsin and spec's and drawings were reviewed.
4. Inventory tags- have been received and will be attached.
5. Turn out gear- On motion of Commissioner Robertson and seconded by Commissioner S. Douglass with all in favor the lowest bidder (Nat Alexander) at \$12,014 was approved.
6. 2016 Grant- Grants have been written and sent, Fire District is requesting approximately \$275,000 for various items, if awarded the Fire District will match 5%.
7. Fire Department Audit- Nothing to report at this time.
8. Wildwood Crest Intra-Contract- Revised contract is in our possession, only change is payment is to be made to Wildwood Crest Volunteer fire Department. On motion of Commissioner G. Douglass and seconded by Commissioner Van Mourik with all in favor the Board Authorized the amendment to pay directly to the Wildwood Crest Volunteer Fire Department.
9. Budget 2016- State has okayed 2016 budget at \$1,363,902.00 with \$755,296.00 coming from taxation and \$100,000 coming from Surplus. This results in no change in the tax rate of .063. Budget and election voting will take place February 20, 2016 from 2-9pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

March meeting date change- Commissioner S. Douglass was instructed to advertise that the meeting for March will take place March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

N/A

### **Comments by the Chief**

**Chief Lepor asked the Board for some patience while he gets acclimated with his new position. He went on to state that State Contract equipment for the new truck will be ordered soon. He also stated that year 2018 a lot of gear will be expiring and will have to be replaced.**

### **Comments by the Public**

**D. Gipple stated that the phones and fax lines are still not working correctly. Commissioner G. Douglass said that he will call Verizon.**

On a motion by Commissioner Robertson and was seconded by Commissioner G. Douglass the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**Meeting notes were prepared and submitted by Commissioner S. Douglass.**