

**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 October 28, 2014 at the Erma Fire House, County Airport, Erma, New Jersey, with the work session commencing at 7:30pm. 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 as well as Solicitor Tourison and Chief Muller. Asst. Chief Hughes was also present.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S/BILLS PRESENTED REPORT

The Treasurer's report was approved on motion of 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

Block 820, lot 2.01 H&H Two Mile, LLC Bayview Drive was found to be acceptable

Block 505, lot 13.02 Historic Cold Spring Village was found to be acceptable.

Received claim statement for Robert Post.

Received quarterly statement for Losap.

Received copy of payment of \$1000. From VFIS to Deanna Rambo (Dan Rodgers) to reimburse deductible for damages received in route to fire scene.

BUREAU NEWS

Commissioner Robertson discussed meeting notes and financials from last month's Fire Bureau meeting. He also updated Board on search of new Fire Specialists; Advertising will start in local papers for 2 part time specialists. He also discussed 2015 preliminary budget for Bureau and stated that the Bureau would like to purchase new vehicle which developed into heavy conversation on the need and timing of purchase. The majority of the Board feels that a new vehicle should be put on hold and also questions if a large vehicle is needed or should Bureau start looking in the future to more economical vehicles as the Township has started doing. He also discussed salaries in new Budget which also developed heavy conversation to where the majority of the Board felt the starting salary of the new Fire Official should start at \$62,000 and that the difference from an existing fire specialist salary to a newly appointed Fire Official of \$72,000 was too extreme and lacks good judgment on spending of taxpayers money.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Building repairs- nothing to discuss.
2. Chief's car- currently at auto shop.
3. Fire Truck Specs- Still compiling will update at next meeting.
4. Engine #6253- Will be back at Firehouse Thursday; lettering will be done at Firehouse.
5. Office Furniture- Ordered
6. Painting of offices- Board approved James Dickinson Jr, LLC to paint 3 offices (Chief's, Line and Executive) at \$2650.
7. Diamond Beach fire protection- emails are going back and forth, Mayor of Wildwood Crest met with their Fire Department and they are receptive. Wildwood Crest Mayor will be meeting with Township Manager Voll to discuss figures; Final decision will have to come from this Board since fire protection is its own identity.

NEW BUSINESS

1. #6293 dry rot tires- The Board approved to have tires replaced by Service Tire and Truck center by state contract in the amount of \$4,244.48

Closed Session

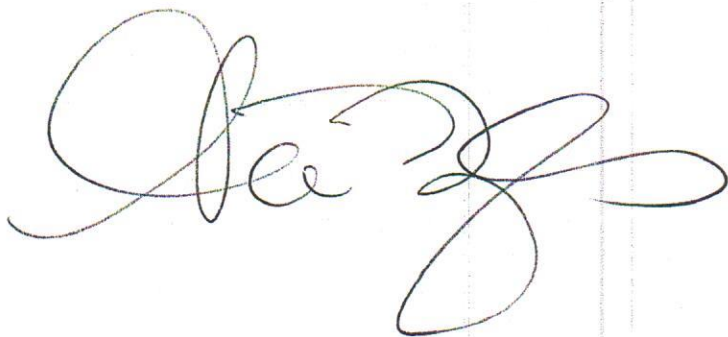
Comments of Chief

Chief Muller discussed that the exhaust system is in need of repair and contractor who put in is unwilling to work on system. He stated that approximately \$18,000 will be needed for another company to come in repair and retrofit system to work with systems. Asst. Chief Hughes discussed that he heard that the Fire Bureau was looking to replace one of their vehicles with a new vehicle and asked if he could

request the Fire Bureau to give old vehicle to our Fire District as an Asst. Chief's vehicle. The Board suggested that he get approval from Fire Department.

On a motion by Commissioner Van Mourik and was seconded by Commissioner Robertson the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Douglass', written in a cursive style. The signature is located below the text 'Meeting notes were prepared and submitted by Commissioner S. Douglass.'