

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF
August 27, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Michael Koestler with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Notice and saluting of the flag.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Koestler, Reahm, Olsen, Powell and Bright were in attendance.

JIF Claim Status: Chairman Koestler announced receipt of the JIF claim check for \$49,000 which is half of the total claim minus \$1000 deductible. We are awaiting the balance of \$50,000.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Olsen and seconded by Bright, it was moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 2014.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

On motion by Bright and seconded by Powell, it was moved to open the privilege of the floor. On motion by Bright and seconded by Olsen it was moved to close the privilege of the floor.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution No. 14-026 which provides for Automatic Annual Increases of LOSAP based on the CPI.

Koestler and Powell recused themselves from this discussion.

On motion by Olsen and seconded by Bright, the floor was opened up to the public to discuss Resolution 14-026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

On Motion by Olsen and seconded by Reahm, the floor was closed to the public to discuss Resolution 14-026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

On Motion by Olsen and seconded by Reahm it was moved to adopt Resolution 14-026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DISTRICT CHIEF'S REPORT for July 2014:

Attached as an appendix.

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION REPORT for July 2014:

Attached as an appendix.

FINANCIAL REPORT for July 2014:

Attached as an appendix.

On motion by Bright and seconded by Reahm it was moved to pay all bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 Capital Projects: Paving Ewan and Harmony Station parking lots while simultaneously paving Naples parking lot. Arrangements are being made now to draw up engineering plans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. NJ America Water Company: They have provided us with a service agreement. We are continuing to negotiate.
- B. Solar Project: Bid specs have been forwarded to us from the engineer for our review. Eric Riso will do so. Approval by the Commissioners will be tabled until next meeting since there wasn't sufficient time to review.
- C. Daytime Fire Fighter Staffing: Powell states that his assumption is that the guys are waiting for more information. Koestler discussed possible scenarios.
- D. Ladder Truck incident: The claim was immediately sent to JIF for the damage to the truck and to the structure. Powell stated that only one manufacturer can repair the "main" on the truck and they are located in Florida. Discussion continued with other ideas considered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

On motion by Bright and seconded by Powell, it was moved to open the floor to the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.

Committeeman Heim asked if the letter from NJAW was sufficiently satisfactory to us and Chairman Koestler stated that it was a step in the right direction but we will be

respond. Chief Mason mentioned that the letter contained maintenance was provided by NJAW. Reahm asked if dates have been provided for that and Koestler stated he had received a record of them for 2013.

On motion by Bright and seconded by Powell, it was moved to close the floor to the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All ayes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was nothing further to come before the Commissioners, on motion by Bright and seconded by Koestler, it was moved to adjourn said meeting.

ROLL CALL: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

Minutes Approved:

Andrea Reahm, Secretary

This is a brief summary of the meeting of the Harrison Township Fire Commissioners held on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.