

## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

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### **REGULAR MEETING OF July 15, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Ken Powell with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Notice And saluting of the flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Olsen, Reahm, Moore, Sarkos and Powell were in attendance.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion by Olsen and seconded by Moore, it was moved to approve the June 15, 2015 minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

On a motion by Olsen and seconded by Moore, it was moved to open the privilege of the floor. ROLL CALL VOTE. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Sarkos and seconded by Moore, it was moved to close the privilege of the floor. ROLL CALL VOTE. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolutions were presented for approval/adoption:

15-026 Accept the 2014 Audit

On a motion by Moore, and seconded by Sarkos, it was moved to accept the 2014 Audit.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried

15-027 Sharon Smith as new bookkeeper for the District

On a motion by Reahm, and seconded by Olsen to hire Sharon Smith as our bookkeeper.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes Motion Carried

#### **DISTRICT CHIEF'S REPORT for June 2015:**

**Attached as a appendix**

#### **FIRE PREVENTION REPORT for June 2015:**

**Attached as a appendix**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT for June 2015:**

### **Attached as an appendix**

Commissioner Reahm questioned the engineer's bill for the paving at the Harmony Station. An engineer plan was submitted to the Township as a courteous prior to the paving being completed. A discussion ensued in regards to who performed the paving and that the District chose the lowest quote provided by 2 local vendors.

On a motion by Olsen and seconded by Reahm the financial report was approved.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All Ayes. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Moore and seconded by Sarkos it was moved to pay all the bills.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The recent storm response was exceptional by both volunteer fire companies. The Board recognized their efforts and commended their actions during the storm on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The board received a letter from a paid employee asking for a leave of absence. On a motion by Reahm and seconded by Sarkos it was put before the board to grant a 6 month leave of absence. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All Ayes. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion in regards to hiring and Chief Pierson asked that we hire 2 more part time firefighters. On a motion by Olsen and seconded by Moore it was asked that upon Chief Pierson's recommendation that we hire 2 more part time firefighters. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A discussion about the union affiliation was brought up by Commissioner Olsen in regards to giving pay raises to the paid staff. Mr. Riso commented that it would be in the best interest of the board to wait and see if the union would decertify with PERC in regards to our part-time paid firefighters. A letter was received from the IAFF Vice President stating that the IAFF local was not recognizing the part time firefighters in Harrison Township. It was decided by the Board that Chief Pierson would reach out to the local union and asks their intentions going forward. On a motion by Reahm, and seconded by Olsen was to table this action until next month. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Solar panel project was briefed that we are still looking for paperwork to provide to the local finance board in order to move forward with the proposed project.

Commissioner Reahm asked if we could get a clothing allowance for the MSR's to order work uniforms. Chief Pierson commented that they have work shirts and are working on providing them work pants. He did not discuss footwear. On a motion by Reahm and seconded by Moore, the District would give a 200.00 clothing allowance to each MSR for safety shoes. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All Ayes. Motion Carried.

## **NO CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Sarkos made a brief comment in regards to an Emergency that was made to his house. He thanked the police and the Fire Companies for their quick response to his home for a recent medical emergency involving his newborn daughter. All is well now and he was very appreciative of everyone who responded in such a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was nothing further to come before the meeting, on motion by Reahm and seconded by Moore, it was moved to adjourn said meeting. ROLL CALL: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th, 2015.

Minutes Approved:

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Lawrence Moore - Secretary

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Ken Powell - Chairman

This is a brief summary of the meeting of the Harrison Township Fire Commissioners held on July 15, 2015 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.