

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF
August 19, 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, and Powell were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

None

DISTRICT CHIEF'S REPORT for July 2015:

Attached as a appendix

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT for July 2015:

Attached as a appendix

FINANCIAL REPORT for July 2015:

Attached as an appendix

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 Olsen and seconded by Reahm it was moved to pay the bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed third party billing with Solicitor Eric Riso in regards to bills for our co-pay that are generated from our Insurance Company in regards to the lawsuit between HTFD v. Barnett. Solicitor Riso explained why we are getting bills from the firm Madden and Madden and that until we meet our co-pay limit we will be expected to pay the fees to the insurance company's firm in defense of the whistle blower lawsuit filed by Mr. Barnett's attorney. Mr. Riso also mentioned that he will be going back to court on August 21st for the Barnett case and will provide an update at our September meeting.

The Fire District has received a "Assistance to Firefighters Grant" for the purchase of all new air packs. The amount of the grant is 180,000.00 to be used to purchase all new air packs including spare bottles and masks. Thank You to Firefighter Dugan and the Board for pursuing this very competitive grant last year and securing these funds for such a valuable piece of safety equipment for the firefighters. The SCBAs will replace our much older current units that have reached their life expectance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Powell started a discussion about the solar panel project before the board. The local finance board has rejected our application again in lieu of missing documentation. It was discussed among the board members that the project has been ongoing for a long time and appears to be no closer then in past years. On a motion by Olsen, and seconded by Reahm was to cancel going forward with the solar panel project at this time. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Brief discussion about the hiring of more part time paid staff, which was addressed in Chief Pierson's report. The union was also mentioned in regards to the pay increases for the staff and that the union has made no replies in regards to having representation over our current part time firefighters. The decision will be tabled until September's meeting to give the IAFF union one last opportunity for a response.

NO CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT: Since there was nothing further to come before the meeting, on a motion by Olsen and seconded by Reahm, it was moved to adjourn said meeting.

ROLL CALL: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16th, 2015 at 1930 hours.

Minutes Approved:

Lawrence Moore - Secretary

Ken Powell - Chairman

This is a brief summary of the meeting of the Harrison Township Fire Commissioners held on August 19, 2015 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.