

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

**312 Ewan Road
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
(856) 478-0423
Fax: (856) 478-0429**

Ken Powell, Chairman
Mario Olsen, V. Chairman
Andrea Reahm Commissioner

Lawrence Moore, Secretary
Dr. Peter Sarkos, Treasurer

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF
May 28th, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for May 20th was postponed due to not having quorum of 3 Commissioners. These are the meeting minutes for a Special meeting that was scheduled in order to conduct business that needed the Board's attention. Chairman Ken Powell called the special meeting to order with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Notice and the saluting of the flag.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Moore, Sarkos and Powell were in attendance.

APPROAVL OF MINUTES:

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

One taxpayer was in attendance and had no comments.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolution was presented for its first reading:

15-021 Authorizing the Salaries and Wages to be paid to the Employees of the Harrison Township Fire District during the year 2015(This was a recommendation from our auditor.)

NEW BUSINESS:

The monthly meeting was moved to June 15th due to the deadline for awarding the bid for the Solar Panel Project. This is provided that the Local Finance Board approves the financing. Four out of the five Commissioners responded in regards to moving the meeting date to accommodate the Commissioner's schedules.

A brief discussion in regards to the 2014 audit was brought before the board. Our Business Administrator is putting the recommendations from the auditor in place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The lease agreements were discussed before the board. The Fire District received a letter from the Harmony Fire Company stating that they voted not to accept the lease agreement. The Board discussed that the lease agreements as they are currently written require the Fire Companies to carry their own insurance. This is one of the issues that both the Fire Companies have taken issue with the lease agreements. It was discussed to table the lease agreements until further notice.

The NJ American water company bill was discussed. The water company has provided documentation to the Board stating what the HTFD currently pays per hydrant compared to the State average. The cost per hydrant is considerably less than the State average at this current point in time. It is evident that the paperwork that has been provided represents what the previous Board of Commissioners requested from the water company. On motion by Sarkos and seconded by Moore it was to pay the water company the current outstanding balance. ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The driveway paving at Harmony Fire Company was discussed. Two quotes were provided to the Board for review. J Guy paving company provided the lowest bid. There was also a request to utilize the Engineer to insure we met all the requirements as far as drainage is concerned and providing a site plan to the Township planning board as a courteous. The paving including the engineering costs was quoted at 10,950.00 dollars to be utilized from the yearly maintenance line item in the budget. This is in reality a safety concern as mentioned in a previous meeting and needs to be addressed. On motion by Sarkos and seconded by Moore was to authorize the spending of 11,000.00 or less to pave the driveway and entrance at the Harmony Station. ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 15th, 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 May 28, 2015 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.