

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

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF
February 18, 2015**

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, Bright and Olsen were in attendance. Powell arrived late.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Koestler and seconded by Olsen, it was moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED MINUTES:

On a motion by Olsen and seconded by Reahm, it was moved to approve the closed minutes of January 21, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CLOSE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Addressing Ken Powell's questions from January meeting:

The Chairman explained to Powell how resolutions are written.

He explained the ability of each person to volunteer within the station without presenting a conflict of interest while serving as a Fire Commissioner.

The Chairman responded to Powell's questions concerning Chief Bartholomew's different jobs he holds as an unelected official.

DISTRICT CHIEF'S REPORT for December 2014 and January 2015:

Run numbers were requested from each station, Chief Pierson has only received the reports from the Ewan station, not from the Harmony station.

Reviews are being completed by the Chief regarding maximizing coverage of the MSR's while saving on salaries.

The remainder is attached as an appendix.

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION REPORT for January 2015:

Attached as an appendix.

FINANCIAL REPORT for January 2015:

Attached as an appendix.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 15-005: Approving Closed Session

On motion by Olsen and seconded by Bright it was moved to adopt the resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 15-006: Settlement

On motion by Koestler seconded by Olsen it was moved to adopt the resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Accident Insurance for volunteers responding to calls:

The Chairman clarified that all volunteers responding to calls are covered from the moment they start to respond.

Political activities at Harmony Station:

The Chairman asked Chief Cardile if he was aware that one of his firefighters, Lawrence Moore, in a sworn statement declared the Harmony Fire Station as his campaign headquarters while running for Fire Commissioner. Chief Cardile stated that he was not aware of an existing policy prohibiting this activity. The Chairman asked Chief Cardile what type of discipline would be administered for violating a policy.

Poll Workers:

On motion by Koestler and seconded by Reahm it was moved to hire and pay the poll workers for the upcoming election and provide for food for them for the day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Installation Dinner 2015:

Powell stated that the dinner is set for March 21, 2015 at Riverwinds.

New leases for Fire Stations:

Ewan's lease was signed by the President and returned. Powell stated that Deputy Chief Danner has not returned the lease for Harmony.

Chief Cardile's request to inspect 2316 in Florida:

A discussion followed regarding communication between Chief Cardile and the Chairman. The final check from Vanguard will be issued and the truck will be returned from Florida.

MSR Benefits package:

The Chairman stated that these are in place for them as of 2015 and they are covered.

Solar Project update:

Changes have been made to the original specs and the project will be put out to bid and the board had approved the action.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CLOSE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

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 Reahm, it was moved to adjourn said meeting.

ROLL CALL: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

Minutes Approved:

Andrea Reahm, Secretary

This is a brief summary of the meeting of the Harrison Township Fire Commissioners held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.