

**HARRISON TWP. FIRE DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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Lawrence Moore, Secretary
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**REGULAR MEETING
OF
January 20, 2016**

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 Moore, Sarkos, and Powell were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Moore seconded by Sarkos, it was moved to approve the December 16, 2015 minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Executive Session:

On a motion by Moore seconded by Sarkos, it was moved to approve the December 16, 2015 executive session. ROLL CALL VOTE. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

On a 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:

A. 16-01 Agreement with Twp. MSRs On a motion by Sarkos, and seconded by Moore, ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution approved.

- B. 16-02 Vehicle maintenance contract** On a motion by Sarkos, and seconded by Moore, ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution approved.
- C. 16-03 Paid Days Off (Holiday)** On a motion by Sarkos, and seconded by Moore, ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution approved.
- D. 16-04 Temporary Budget** On a motion by Sarkos, and seconded by Moore, ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution approved.
- E. 16-05 Capital Project, Ewan Parking Lot** On a motion by Moore, and seconded by Sarkos, ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution approved.
- F. 16-06 Salary Guide for Compensation** On a motion by Sarkos, and seconded by Moore, ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution approved.
- G. 16-07 Appointment of Bookkeeper** On a motion by Sarkos, and seconded by Moore, ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution approved.
- H. 16-08 2016 Adopted Budget** On a motion by Sarkos, and seconded by Moore, ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution approved.
- I. 16-09 Compensation for Commissioners** On a motion by Sarkos, and seconded by Moore, ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution approved.

DISTRICT CHIEF'S REPORT for January 2016:

Attached as an appendix

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT for January 2016:

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On a motion by Moore and seconded by Sarkos, 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 the bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The ballot question on the repair of the Ewan parking lot was discussed. Chairman Powell and Chief Bartholomew met with the accountant to discuss the damage and flooding issues with the Ewan parking lot. Moreover, the engineer came back out to evaluate the parking lot and work out a more reasonable cost. The cost of the Ewan parking lot project was at 360,000 and was brought down to 237,000. Chairman Powell concluded that the new cost was much more appropriate. Furthermore, Chairman Powell concluded that it was important to address the issues of the Ewan parking lot. New business continued with a discussion over response times. Chairman Powell says we are looking to get an idea of the response times with the MSR's. The response times seem to be getting lengthy under the MSR program. District Chief Pierson should have information on the MSR response times by next month's Commissioners meeting.

The Newsletter created for the new voting districts was discussed. The newsletter will explain that this year's Fire District election will have two polling stations, and

explain that voters will now be required to vote in their voting districts. Voters who vote at the wrong polling station will not be turned away. In the event voters have gone to the wrong polling station, the polling clerks will be required to contact the appropriate polling station for that voter and communicate that voter has already voted. It is important that voters are checked off that they have already voted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The 2016 annual District dinner was discussed. Chairman Powell contacted Scotland Run and one other vender for the 2016 district dinner. Chairman Powell believes Scotland Run put on a great display and did a great job in the past for the district dinner. The date reserved for Scotland Run is March 12th, which is a Saturday. This could possibly change. The buffet and sit down style of dinner was discussed. By the next meeting there will be a better idea of the style of dinner and date to have the district dinner at Scotland Run. The final reading of the 2016 budget was on the agenda, but did not need to be read. The budget was already read previously. Moreover, the budget was voted on and passed.

CLOSED SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2016 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 January 20, 2016 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.