

**HARRISON TWP. FIRE DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

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**REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
September 20, 2017**

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 Crane, Benas, Moore, Sarkos and Powell were in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

On a motion by Moore, and seconded by Crane, it was moved to approve the minutes from August 16, 2017. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Sarkos, and seconded by Moore, it was moved to approve the closed session minutes from August 16, 2017. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

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

On behalf on the township, Committeeman Don Heim wanted to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners and both firehouses for attending the 9/11 ceremonies.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. 17-047 Acceptance of the 2016 Audit** On a motion by Sarkos and seconded by Moore. ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Resolution Approved.

**BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION:** (Report provided)

**FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:** (Ewan and Harmony report provided)

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

On a motion by Moore and seconded by Crane, the financial report was approved.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Sarkos and seconded by Constantine, it was moved to pay the bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Unfinished business began with a discussion over the Harmony overhead door quotes. Chairman Powell says we are still waiting on Al, the Purchasing Agent; to bring possible replacement quotes before the board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

New business began with a discussion over the September 11th ceremony and artifacts. Chairman Powell thanked Committeeman Heim and the Township for putting on the ceremony. He also thanked both firehouses and their members for participating in the ceremony. September 20th was the annual Shoprite Bag for Hunger event. Chairman Powell thanked the paid staff and all members who attended. New business continued with a discussion over New Jersey American Water. Chairman Powell wanted to inform the Board that NJ American Water has gone to the Public Board of Utilities and has requested a 2 to 5 percent rate increase in hydrant rentals. The 2018 budget was discussed. Chairman Powell would like for both firehouses to start planning and looking into their needs for the 2018 budget. Furthermore, Chairman Powell would also like for both firehouses to submit a list of members who are receiving LOSAP by the end of October. Lastly, future property acquisition was discussed. Chairman Powell suggested for the Board to start considering looking into acquiring property for the future. With new economic development going on in Harrison Township, the Fire District may need to expand in the future to compensate for the growth of the population and the infrastructure. Commissioner Moore added that looking into acquiring property could be very beneficial to the Fire District, as the town expands. On a motion by Moore and seconded by Sarkos, it was moved by the Board to give Chairman Powell permission to start looking into future property for the Fire District and bring it back to the board for consideration.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 1930 hours.

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 September 20, 2017 and should not be considered a verbatim transcript of the meeting.