

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH**

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WORK MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 2014

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Hillsborough Township, County of Somerset, New Jersey convened in Work Session on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm. In the Conference Room at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building on South Branch Road. Commissioner Chairman Greg Kane called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a call of the roll indicated that Board members present were: Commissioner Greg Kane, Commissioner Bruce Vatter, Commissioner Charlie Nuara, and Commissioner John Catrombon, Jr. Absent: Commissioner Nick Patullo,

In accordance with the state of NJ "Sunshine Law" adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing notification to the Hillsborough Beacon and Courier News. Notice was also delivered to the Township Clerk and posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioners discussed the following:

1. The vouchers for August.
2. Commissioner Nuara did a review of the budget up-to-date. He asked that everything be ready for the 2015 Budget, and also asked Chief Fire Marshal Weniger to have his budget ready by month end. Commissioner Nuara will then get the Budget put together and will meet with all the Commissioners to review it and make necessary adjustments.
3. Commissioner Nuara brought up the Exhaust Systems for the firehouses. Commissioner Nuara will put the purchase of Exhaust Systems and new Pagers in the 2015 Budget.
4. Chief Fire Marshal Weniger will be putting in his budget (if it can fit into the Regular Budget), for the purchase of a new Box Truck to replace a truck. The approximate cost of this would be \$100,000.00 - \$150,000.00.
5. Commissioner Vatter gave copies of our policies to Kristin Mantegna, Director of Sales from Huges-Plumer & Associates Insurance Company in Somerville, and asked if she could look them over, as we are looking into changing our Insurance Company. She said she will have them back in a couple of weeks with her suggestions. The policy needs to include liability, property, vehicles and a Certificate of Insurance from Neshanic.
6. Station 36 Brush Truck: Commissioner Kane mentioned that they are hoping that the new truck will be ready by the end of October.

7. Commissioner Nuara asked to have the vouchers done for the October Work Meeting, if the truck is done.
8. Commissioner Vatter will contact Chief Fire Marshal Weniger tomorrow to check if the extrication equipment for 37 was received. Commissioner Nuara said that the voucher was submitted already. The list of equipment was cut back.
9. The price of the replacement engine for Station was proposed to be \$625-\$650,000. Equipment that is still good from the old truck can be switched to the new truck. Commissioner Kane mentioned about the new cab style being NFPA compliant. This all needs to be reviewed before the February election.
10. Commissioner Vatter will be attending the Conference in Wildwood this week and will speak to Vendors for opinions on pricing, etc. for Station 36's Engine and the Exhaust Systems for the Firehouses. He will speak with Chief Fire Marshal Weniger to find out exactly what he is looking for in an Evidence Collection Vehicle and will speak to Vendors at the Wildwood Convention regarding this.
11. Commissioner Kane mentioned that they will be getting rid of Station 36's old truck and not reserve it. A discussion will be held later to determine whether they sell it or scrap it. The purchase of the new truck will be put on the Ballot for 2015 and plan on purchasing it in 2016.
12. Commissioner Vatter spoke about the missing/stolen 3 portable radios from Station 37. A Police Report was filed and a Police Investigation is being done.
13. Commissioner Nuara asked for clarification regarding the "I Am Responding" credit for call. Commissioner Vatter said that Chief Paterno told his membership that they must have a legitimate reason why they did not make it to a call before it was cancelled, if they had used the "I Am Responding", and that they have to come to the Firehouse and stay until the truck(s) get back to get credit for the call. Commissioner Catrombon, Jr. said that Station 38 requires them to respond to get credit for the call. Commissioner Nuara mentioned that this needs to be monitored at each company so that the system is not being abused by members not responding, but getting credit, and costing more money. This will be brought up to the Chief's at the Commissioner's Regular Meeting on September 9, 2014.
14. Commissioner Vatter expressed his disappointment in the Special Election results.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further public comment, **a motion was made by Commissioner Kane, and seconded by Commissioner Vatter to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Roll call vote: All approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Vatter, Secretary
Hillsborough Township
Board of Fire Commissioners

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