

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH**

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**COMMISSIONERS  
CLOSED MEETING**

AUGUST 12, 2014

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Hillsborough Township, County of Somerset, New Jersey convened in a Commissioner Session on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 8:50 pm. 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 Nick Patullo, Commissioner John Catrombon, Jr., Commissioner Charlie Nuara, Commissioner Bruce Vatter, and Chief Fire Marshal Weniger.

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**

1. Ryan Murphy Letter:

Regarding the letter from Ryan Murphy, he could not take two of the required courses for an Officer position due to going to school and his work schedule. It can be figured out as to when he can take those courses. Ryan is next in line for the position, and due to Tim Coyle not running for the position, Ryan is not prepared. He needs to meet with the Arbitration Committee. Chief Fire Marshal Weniger will set up the meeting and contact Ryan and the Chiefs before the September Commissioners Meeting. (Attachment)

2. Fire Response:

Chief Fire Marshal Weniger put together a Response that addresses all the concerns mentioned at the Work Meeting. A few changes may need to be made once this is taking place. Chief Fire Marshal Weiger will e-mail this to all the Chiefs. If there are any questions, they can contact Chief Fire Marshal Weniger. He will also let them know the exact start date. Chief Fire Marshal Weniger said he spoke with Chief Paterno regarding the response and he seems to be better with this plan taking place.

3. Merit Increases:

Chief Fire Marshal Weniger mentioned that the Contract stipulates that Fire Marshal Yanko, Fire Marshal Andreyko, Administrative Assistant, Dianne Riccardo, and he are eligible for Merit Increases. These Merit Increases were put in the Budget for this year and the money is there to do so. Fire Marshal Foelsch and Fire Marshal Giordano have step increases, so they are technically not eligible for a Merit Increase at this time. Fire Marshal Andreychak is getting less money and Chief Fire Marshal Weniger is requesting if he could give him more. . The Township minimal is \$25,000.00, so a 3%

increase is less than \$25,000.00. He currently is at \$21,097.00 and would like to do what is right for him. **A motion was made by Commissioner Nuara, seconded by Commissioner Catrombon, Jr. to approve a pay Increase from \$21.95 to \$25.00 per hour for Fire Marshal Andreychak. Roll Call Vote: All approved.**

Chief Fire Marshal Weniger requested a 3% increase for Fire Marshal Yanko. After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Nuara, seconded by Commissioner Catrombon, Jr. to approve an increase for Fire Marshal Yanko. Roll call vote: All approved.**

Chief Fire Marshal Weniger is requesting a Merit Increase of 3% for Administrative Assistant, Dianne Riccardo. **A motion was made by Commissioner Nuara, seconded by Commissioner Catrombon, Jr. to approve a Merit Increase of 3% for Administrative Assistant, Dianne Riccardo. Roll call vote: All approved.**

Once Chief Fire Marshal Weniger was adjourned from the meeting, the Commissioners discussed giving a Merit Increase to him. They feel it is well deserved. **A motion was made by Commissioner Nuara, seconded by Commissioner Catrombon, Jr. to approve a Merit Increase of 3% for Chief Fire Marshal Weniger. Roll call vote: All approved.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Catarombon, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Vatter to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Roll call vote: All approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Vatter, Secretary  
Hillsborough Township  
Board of Fire Commissioners

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Board of Fire Commissioner's,

As the 2015 fire line elections approach, I am in the spot to run for the position of Captain. There are a couple of courses that I have not been able to complete, that I should technically have to run for this position. The first one is Fire Officer I. I was planning on taking this course the spring on 2013, but in January I was burned on my legs, which kept me out of the firehouse for approximately six months. Once I was back on active duty I was planning on taking the course again, but then I was switched over to second shift at work with the hours of 3:00-11:30pm. With these new hours, I am unable to take Fire Officer I, as well as most other courses offered, since almost all have night time sessions. This is the same situation for the course Strategy and Tactics, which I should technically have to run for the position of Captain. I hope the board can look past these two courses and allow me to run for Captain position this upcoming Fall/Winter given my circumstances and various other training courses I have participated in over the years, which have helped strengthen me as a Firefighter.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ryan Murphy