

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH**

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CLOSED MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2016

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Hillsborough Township, County of Somerset, New Jersey convened in a Work Session on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm. following the Closed Meeting In the Conference Room at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building on South Branch Road. Commissioner Chairman Charlie Nuara 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 Charlie Nuara, Commissioner John Catrombon Jr., Commissioner Bruce Vatter, Commissioner Pat Buckley, and Commissioner Mike Carone.

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

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss disciplinary action for Firefighter Robert Clougher from Station 37. Robert has had three accidents with apparatus during 2015. Chief Paterno made the decision to suspend Robert for 30 days from driving any apparatus or until further investigation is complete. The following accidents occurred:

1. While driving the Command Vehicle, hit into a pole behind Station 37 Fire House and the Radiology Building.
2. While driving the Mini Pumper, backed into a pole at the Auten Road School during the 4th of July Fireworks event. He did not have a spotter and did not report the accident.
3. While driving Engine 37-102 hit a car while making the turn from Route 206 onto New Amwell Road while on the way to deliver toys to the Municipal Building.

After discussing the incidents, the Board agreed and made a decision to:

1. Suspend driving privileges with any apparatus to fire calls for one year.
2. Retake and complete the CEVO/Driving Course at the Academy.
3. After 9 months, will be allowed to drive or training purposes to requalify on all apparatus at Station 37 with a Chief Officer present.
4. After 9 months, will be allowed to drive for training purposes only with a Chief Officer present.

5. After above items and the one year suspension is completed, the Chief of Station 37 will sign off and reinstate driving privileges.

A letter will be sent to Chief Rich Bartolucci to be forwarded to Member Robert Clougher stating the Boards decision and requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further public comment, **a motion was made by Commissioner Nuara, and seconded by Commissioner Catrombon, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Roll call vote: All approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Vatter, Secretary
Hillsborough Township
Board of Fire Commissioners

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Attachment