

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH**

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CLOSED SESSION MEETING

APRIL 11, 2017

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Hillsborough Township, County of Somerset, New Jersey convened in a Closed Session Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 8:40 p.m. 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 John Lazorchak, 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

1. Turnout Gear:

- Commissioner Buckley said that we do not have to buy new turnout gear in state of New Jersey if it is 10 years old. Obtained this information from the guy who works for OSHA for the State of New Jersey. He also said that New Jersey never adopted this policy. He offered to come in and look at the gear.
- It was decided to continue to do one formal gear inspection annually. Commissioner Nuara suggested passing down gear 6 years and older to new members that finished school. A set of gear costs \$3,300.00/set.
- Commissioner Buckley suggested to replace gear on an as needed basis. Members that check gear should be trained so they can determine if it is ok.
- Commissioner Nuara suggested to possibly order new gear for active interior members after every 10 years.
- Commissioner Buckley stated we need to really stress looking at gear thoroughly. Discussed patching/square inch.
- It was decided to proceed by doing inspection and documentation of gear before ordering new gear, and gear must be washed after each fire. Nothing has to be retired because of age. Chief's and Leadership do the gear inspections.

2. Rehab:

- Proposed that Signal 100 works with RWJ when needed for Rehab (Dispatch Signal 100 when RWJ is dispatched for Rehab).
- Signal 100 should be in charge of water, etc.
- Commissioner Buckley suggested putting app on phone for group text.
- It was suggested that Signal 100 could utilize old pagers. Tone out for district calls only. This will be discussed further.

3. Drivers/Accidents:

- Discussed senior people who really should not be driving.
- There are members that do not want to ride with older drivers.
- Commissioner Nuara asked how we go about taking someone off the drivers list. Commissioner Lazorchak said that drivers need Doctor approval and Station 48 goes by Trustee approval. They also determine driving by accidents that occurred.
- Commissioner Nuara said he spoke to Attorney Braslow about this. He said that we cannot do anything about age. We can do something about accidents. Every incident is supposed to be investigated. Commissioner Lazorchak suggested 3 incidents in 2 years.

4. Extrication:

- Commissioner Nuara stated that Neshanic Fire Company should be involved in extrication, and would need to be trained.
- Discussed amount of tools and what may be needed.
- Discussed space availability at firehouses for this.

5. Outcome of Squad Rigs:

- The Rescue Squad owns the oldest rig. Large rig is owned by the Township.
- Township wants to keep a few rigs.
- Need to speak to Mayor.

6. TICS:

- Discussed purchase of TICS. Little TICS cost approximately \$4,000.00. Discussed taking the money from each company's budget.

- Will have Chief Fire Marshal Weniger look into this, as well as purchasing extrication gloves (possibly 60 sets of gloves).

7. Purchases:

- Chief Fire Marshal Weniger attended the end of the meeting. He asked if there was anything he could help with or is needed.
- Gloves:
 - o Spoke with him about the gloves. Need 17 pairs white gloves and 75 pairs of extrication gloves. Chief Fire Marshal Weniger said he will look into pricing and try to get 1 pair of each size glove and let members try them to decide what sizes are needed.
- TICS / Thermal Imaging Camera:
 - o Chief Fire Marshal Weniger said that the TIC that was recently purchased was approximately \$5,000.00. That is the basic model with no color.
 - o Chief Fire Marshal Weniger will obtain pricing before we make a decision to buy both items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comment, **a motion was made by Commissioner Nuara, and seconded by Commissioner Catrombon, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Roll call vote: All approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Lazorchak, Secretary
Hillsborough Township
Board of Fire Commissioners

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