

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2

MERCERVILLE FIRE COMPANY

Fire Chief
Christopher Tozzi



Fire Commissioners
Michael Chianese, Chairman
Gene Argenti
Thomas J. Hargraves
Alec Martin
Stephen Vetrano

Deputy Chief
Patrick Sullivan

September 14, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Hamilton Township Fire District #2 was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Chianese. After the flag salute, a moment of silence for our fallen brethren and the victims and families of COVID-19 throughout the world; the Open Public Meeting Act and the Uniform Fire Safety Code were given. Roll was called.

Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance:

Gene Argenti, Michael Chianese (Chairman), Thomas Hargraves, Stephen Vetrano

Commissioner Alec Martin arrived late.

Chairman Chianese stated that it appears the consolidation will happen by January 2021 and he expects all employees to cooperate during the transition. Chairman Chianese is a little perplexed and personally feels that, in his opinion, politics played a large part concerning the questions asked by Commissioner Argenti and our attorney. Commissioner Argenti and Commissioner Chianese are checking into the Local Finance Board ordinance for elected officials passed in 2020 in anticipation for the consolidation which stated no contract for the men. Commissioner Chianese would like to insure we are using the proper procedures to pay out the balance of the Commissioners terms per resolution 2020-42.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the August 24, 2020 Regular Meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Commissioner Vetrano and seconded by Commissioner Hargraves.

Motion Carried: 4 in favor 0 opposed 1 abstain

Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Argenti

No Purchase Orders

Deposits

\$248.95

A Motion was made by Commissioner Argenti to accept all deposits as listed. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetrano.

Motion Carried: 4 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

A Motion was made by Commissioner Argenti to pay all bills as listed. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetrano.

Motion Carried: 4 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

Grand Bank – Operating	6,500.00	
Grand Bank – Payroll	6,305.90	
Grand Bank – Money Market	983,681.32	
Total Grand Bank		996,487.22
Cash Management Fund	105,229.87	
Petty Cash	762.55	
DC Petty Cash	100.00	
Total Cash		1,102,579.64
Total Accounts Receivable		0
Total Current Assets		1,102,579.64

Medical Director's Report

Dr. Vetrano stated that the Covid-19 numbers in New Jersey have slowly been increasing since before the Labor Day weekend. Hospitalizations at his facility hit over the 500 mark. Testing of most of the patients admitted to his facility has been asymptomatic. The Covid-19 vaccine is targeted for use this winter and the FDA emergency use authorization must be reviewed by the scientific vaccine review committee before proceeding.

Chief's Report

- Chief Tozzi is busy doing paperwork and also working on the consolidation.
- Deputy Chief Sullivan has been handling day to day operations.
- Duke the dog will be removed from the firehouse prior to the consolidation and hopefully will be adopted by one of the employees.
- Chief Tozzi is glad the District 2 tax rate will only increase .02.
- Chief Tozzi is excited about being part of a 130 person fire department.
- Chief Tozzi stated that it has been a pleasure working with the Board.
- We are not going to deploy EMS charts at this time.
- We are going to research hiring another firefighter.
- We are going to have three training classes and will open them up to the township at no charge.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Argenti to approve the training classes. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetrano.

Motion Carried: 4 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

Deputy Chief's Report

- Captain Garcia has been taking charge of handling the Rescue Truck repairs when Deputy Chief Sullivan is not in the station.
- The last estimate for suspension repairs on the Rescue Truck came in less than \$7,500 and the parts are on order.
- Deputy Chief Sullivan would like to have the Rescue Truck completed before the consolidation. We need to have the A/C repaired and will obtain estimates.
- Deputy Chief Sullivan estimates \$20,000 for equipment to bring the Rescue Truck to complete classification as Heavy Rescue.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Argenti to approve \$25,000 for Rescue Truck equipment. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetrano.

Motion Carried: 4 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

- Deputy Chief Sullivan has been tasked with handling IT for the consolidation.

Commissioner Martin joined the meeting

Training Captain Report

No Report

Mercerville Fire Company

No Report

Building and Grounds

The flower beds out front will be repaired.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Fire Police

No report

Executive Session

A Motion was made by Commissioner Argenti to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Matters. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Vetrano.

Motion Carried: 5 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstain

Resolution 2020-72

Personnel (8)

Commissioner Argenti	Aye
Commissioner Chianese	Aye
Commissioner Hargraves	Aye
Commissioner Martin	Aye
Commissioner Vetrano	Aye

Resolution passed 5-0

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 8:10 P.M.

The Executive Session ended at 9:10 P.M.

Adjournment

Having no further business at this time Commissioner Argenti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on Monday September 28, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., Mercerville Fire Company, Hamilton Township Fire District #2.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marion Yeager
Administrative Assistant
Board of Fire Commissioners
Hamilton Township Fire District #2

Alec Martin
Commissioner/Secretary
Hamilton Township Fire District #2