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A regular meeting of the Toms River Fire Commissioners, District No. 2 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Silverton Firehouse. Chairman Blank made the required public statement. "Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the adoption of a schedule of regular meetings and notice thereof being posted in the Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River; being filed with the Municipal Clerk and being transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with statute."

Roll call was taken; Present: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Blank.
Absent: Mr. Heroy, Mr. Geoghegan.

Minutes of the previous meeting – A motion was offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Silva that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and accepted as written providing that the minutes shall be made available for inspection by any member of the public during the meeting.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Received check #61094530 dated February 20, 2017 in the amount of \$286 from Selective for returned premium on boat motors.

Received check #9377 dated February 25, 2017 in the amount of \$600 from Silverton Vol. Fire Company for reimbursement of insurance for March 2017.

Bills were presented for payment and approved to be paid on a motion offered by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Britton (each commissioner abstains to his voucher, if any).

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Benecard	1,375.90	EISCO	1,251.56
Blues Cross Blue Shield	3,828.48	ERS Fleet Repair Service	1,702.53
Richard M. Braslow, Esq.	1,071.00	Federal Express	30.72
JCP&L	395.47	Brian Geoghegan	93.46
KS Fitness Center	235.00	Greenbriar Woodlands	7,234.92
Lake Ridge Homeowners	8,153.64	Hartford	218.38
Lustre-Cal Nameplate	203.00	Thomas McCann	37.28
New Jersey Natural Gas	344.49	Motorola Solutions	156.00
Pleasant Plains Fire Dept.	27.14	Ozane	110.00
Rackspace	666.80	Pleasant Plains Fire Dept.	3,992.00
Suez Water	18,727.16	Rackspace	1,333.55
WithumSmith+Brown	2,200.00	Riggins	679.86
Amerihealth Casualty	71,755.00	Suez Water	312.63
American Test Center	3,040.00	Silverton Vol. Fire Company	4,825.00
Asbury Park Press	208.80	United Healthcare	13.18
Kevin W. Britton	74.11	Verizon Wireless	584.23
Clean Air	160.61	Waterway	1,050.00
Comcast	252.02	Paychex	197.70

Total \$136,562.82

Correspondence – All commissioners have been copied.

Apparatus – Commissioner Britton reported that 3065 is back in service. Commissioner Silva reported that 2911 had a brake problem. Chief Sinnott reported that the air tank pressure valve on 2911 brakes were done by ERS.

Fire Academy – Commissioner Silva reported that Level I & II are ongoing, and the Level II class is coming to a close.

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Purchasing – Purchasing Agent Gargano reported that all equipment requested has been purchased.

Pleasant Plains report – Chief Parente asked if Net Motion was fixed at the firehouse. Commissioner Blank said that Net Motion is fixed at the Substation, and he spoke to Tammy about Net Motion at the firehouse; Matt Janora or Scott Fallano are supposed to contact Tammy. Chief Sinnott reported it was an IT issue. Commissioner Blank reported that the laptop in 3041 was having a Net Motion issue. He reported that it could be an issue with too many people being on it; the license is being used by 700 users and may periodically kick some of the users off. Chief Sinnott said he will work on this.

A motion was offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Silva to approve Pleasant Plains' request for equipment as follows:

- 3 Scott Paks for Repair
- 1 Retest 3065 after Hydraulic Repair
- 1 2910 and 3010 Knox Box needs to be updated at the dispatch console

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Silverton Report – Chief Sinnott reported on the fire on Fidlers Run. He reported that a firefighter was injured and is doing well. Chief Sinnott reported that there were two fires at Ocean County College in the past two weeks; they use their portables to talk to Ocean County College Security; none of the officers signed on right away, Security contacted their dispatch who contacted our dispatch, but the fire officers did not get the call; communications between the parties need to be improved. Commissioner Blank said he will follow up on this. Chief Sinnott reported that there are nine new fire hydrants to be installed in the Silverton area this spring. Chief Sinnott reported that they lost the high rise kit at the Fidlers Run fire; he asked all responding fire companies if they picked it up by mistake, but no one has it.

New Business:

Renewal of CD at Manasquan Bank was approved to be renewed on a motion offered by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Britton.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Schedule Reorganization Meeting – A motion was offered by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Blank to schedule the reorganization meeting for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Board office.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Committee for Per-Diem Firefighters – Commissioner Blank reported that the Board is setting up a committee for per-diem firefighters and would like representation from the fire companies. Chief Parente said he and Asst. Chief Magovern will represent Pleasant Plains Fire Dept., and Chief Sinnott said he and Asst. Chief Sabey will represent Silverton Vol. Fire Company.

Defeated Budget – Attorney Braslow reported that the Township is to have a budget hearing within 30 days of the election. He reported that we had a meeting today with the Township Business Administrator and Councilman Wittman. He reported that they talked about the capital items and purchasing procedures, there is no debt, all capital items are purchased with cash; we talked about areas where cuts could be made; the commissioners emphasized that they did not want any moneys taken from the budget that would affect the volunteer firefighters providing fire protection services, and he believes that was well received by the Township Administrator and Councilman; the Township budget hearing has been scheduled by the Township for March 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.; he stated that it is essential that

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firefighters, families, and friends come out to attend the hearing in support of the fire district and the budget. He reported that there will be other members from the community at the budget hearing. Attorney Braslow reported that we will get some additional information to the Township; hopefully, we will provide the Township with enough information and degree of understanding on which cuts could be made without having a significant impact on the fire district. Attorney Braslow said he thought that the Township Administrator and Councilman Wittman were receptive to the Board's concerns and thoughts. Commissioner Blank reported that it is very important for the firefighters to come out and vote in support of the fire district budget.

Legislation – Attorney Braslow reported that legislation was drafted for a the bill that would provide, on a permissive basis, that the fire district could choose to have its election in November; in exchange for having it in November, the fire district budget would no longer have to be voted on; and unless the fire district was seeking to exceed the cap, there would be no budget question on the ballot; in the capital section, 40A: 14-84 provided for the right to have capital approval through a special capital meeting. He reported that that section talks about the ability to purchase vehicles, apparatus, and appliances relating to fire extinguishment purposes. He reported that 40A: 14-85 talks about issuing bonds or notes, it talks about the same items that are in 84, land, and buildings for the housing of fire apparatus. He reported that there are amendments to the bill to the capital section stating that the special meeting for capital approval must be held between 6 PM and 9 PM. He reported that amendments to 40A: 14-85 include buildings for administration and fire training; he would like wording added to include a communications facility and an apparatus maintenance facility. Attorney Braslow said he is waiting for feedback, and the next step is to meet with the Governor's council.

Closed Session – A resolution to go into closed session was introduced by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Britton at 8:22 p.m..

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

WHEREAS, PL-1975 Chapter 231 allows for meetings in closed session on matters of personnel; and

WHEREAS, the commissioners have matters to discuss concerning renewal of the professional services contracts; and

WHEREAS, the commissioners have matters to discuss concerning a conflict of interest between a Board member and an employee; and

WHEREAS, the commissioners have matters to discuss concerning the Garcia Act; and

WHEREAS, the commissioners have matters to discuss concerning the employment contract with the Board Office employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER, COUNTY OF OCEAN go into closed session to discuss these matters as permitted by the open public act and that the results of this closed session be available to the general public upon the

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completion of the acceptance of the minutes at the next regular meeting and at such time as these matters in closed session are resolved.

A motion to resume regular session at 8:44 p.m. was offered by Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Britton.

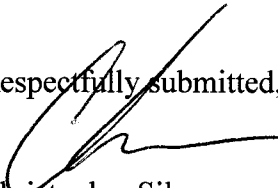
Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Mr. Britton, seconded by Mr. Silva.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Britton, Mr. Silva, Mr. Blank.
Nay: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Silva
Acting Clerk