

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING – November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

A Special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 2, Township of Hanover, was called to order by Chairman Hansch at 7:00 pm on the above date at the Whippany Firehouse at 440 Route 10, Whippany, New Jersey.

Commissioners Present: Michael Mihalko, Ronald Barz, Julie Mihalko, and Henry Hansch

ABSENT: Robert Cobane

Also at this meeting were Chief Joe Cortright, and Vince Montanino, of VM Associates, Registered Municipal Accountant. His expertise as an accountant will be very helpful in aiding the Commissioners in reviewing the 2012 budget and setting up the preliminary 2013 budget.

At this time the Chairman read the following:

Pursuant to statute made and provided, let the minutes show that notice of this meeting was transmitted to the following newspaper; the Daily Record, and filed with the Clerk of the Township of Hanover and the Clerk of this board at least 48 hours prior to the call to order of this meeting.

The Chairman now stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review the present budget and set up the 2013 budget.

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The 2012 Budget was discussed and gone over.  
The Chief's recommendations were also looked at.

We are looking at a making a budget for next year, keeping in consideration a 2% cap imposed by the state.

Vince suggested that we make sure our payroll company is actually paying the payroll taxes for us.

Changes put forth so far:

Paid positions: up 3%

Fire Chief / Official will go to \$68,000

Fire Inspectors will go to \$237,000

OT was increased to \$25,000  
Administrative Assistant increased to \$12,200

That made the top portion equal to \$354,000

Employee Benefits – increased to \$354,000 so far. Need to look at it more.  
Purchase of assets – Need to look at.  
Other Rentals – Increase to \$60,000.

As per the Chief's requests...

Training and Education to go to \$17,000  
Maintenance and repairs – increase to \$40,000 as the trucks and apparatus' are getting older.

The Chief stated that the Health Insurance is increasing \$10,000 next year.  
He would like to add \$5,000 to Gear and to add into the budget an amount for Water Rescue.

There are other requests that the Chief had made.

At this time, an active house fire alarm with entrapment in East Hanover sounded and the rest of the discussion was postponed, as the active members answered the call.

The 2013 budget was not settled completely yet. It will be finalized at the next Commissioner's meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The board thanked Mr. Montanino for his help.

Comm. J. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15. Comm. M. Mihalko seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Janet Gant-Hammond  
Board Secretary