## RESOLUTION 2017-28 MOUNT HOLLY FIRE DISTRICT No. 1

## RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-17

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-15 requires the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Mount Holly, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, to cause an annual Audit of its accounts to be made; and

WHEREAS, the Board engaged Brent W. Lee, C.P.A., of the firm Brent W. Lee & Co., LLC to perform the annual Audit; and

WHEREAS, the annual Audit Report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was filed with the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Clerk of the Township of Mount Holly and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-17 requires the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Township of Mount Holly, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, to, within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the annual Audit, certify by Resolution to the Local Finance Board that each member thereof has personally reviewed the annual Audit Report specifically the section of the Audit Report entitled in said Report as "Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards", and has evidenced same by Group Affidavit in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board have received the annual audit and have personally reviewed the annual Audit and have specifically reviewed the section of the annual Audit Report entitled in said Report as "Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-17; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Township of Mount Holly, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, to the penalty provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

"A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Township of Mount Holly, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the members of said body have complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-17 in that each member has

personally reviewed the annual Audit Report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 prepared by Brent W. Lee, C.P.A. of the firm of Brent W. Lee & Co., LLC and specifically has reviewed the section of the Audit Report entitled in said Report as "Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards" and has evidenced same by Group Affidavit in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Clerk of the Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-17 is hereby directed to promptly submit to the Director of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs the aforesaid Group Affidavit, accompanied by a certified true copy of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the within Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that any resolution or part of a resolution inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or otherwise revoked; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Resolution is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid same shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary the Board shall be permitted to amend, modify, repeal or otherwise act as to those topics which are the subject of this Resolution provided said acts are consistent with public policy, Board bylaws, township ordinances, local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that an original signed, conformed and compared copy of this Resolution be accessible and maintained as an official Board record pursuant to and in accordance with the "Open Public Records Act"; N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq. and the "Destruction of Public Records Law (1953)"; N.J.S.A. 47:3-8.1, et seq. as set forth by the State of New Jersey Municipal Agency Record Retention Schedule promulgated by the Division of Archives and Record Management.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, **STEFANIE HAINES**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of an original Resolution now on file and of record in the District office, which was duly adopted at a public meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017.

The undersigned further certifies that the above Resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Mount Holly on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017.

> STEFANIE HAINES, CLERK Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District No.1

Township of Mount Holly

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Donald Pike				
Richard McIlwee	,			
Joshua Brown				
Stefanie Haines				
Patricia Cauley				