

10/22/20

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT NO.3 JACKSON TOWNSHIP OPPOSING THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP MUA PROPOSAL TO INSTALL LOCKING DEVICES ON MUA OWNED FIRE HYDRANTS**

**WHEREAS;** The Board of Fire Commissioners has been advised that the Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority has proposed installing locking devices on fire hydrants owned by said agency; and

**WHEREAS;** The Board has consulted its firefighters and officers regarding the wisdom and efficacy of this proposal; and

**WHEREAS;** The Board is obligated to pay a hydrant rental fee or tariff for the emergency use of fire hydrants within the District; and

**WHEREAS;** Hydrants have been installed at various locations for the express purpose of insuring that there is always an adequate water supply available for use by fire personnel in emergency circumstances; and

**WHEREAS;** When responding to a fire time is of the essence meaning that delays in arriving at the scene of a fire and delays in being able to connect fire apparatus to hydrants is inimical to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Jackson Township; and

**WHEREAS;** It is the considered opinion of the Board of Fire Commissioners that the installation of locking devices on fire hydrants intended to prevent the unauthorized use of hydrants will, under the best of circumstances, have a deleterious impact on firefighters being able to swiftly perform essential public safety functions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.3 that, by these presents, the Board formally objects to this ill conceived proposal and requests that no such action be taken by the MUA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified true copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all Jackson Township Boards of Fire Commissioners and the Governing Body of Jackson Township by the Clerk of the Board.

Moved by: *Commissioner Keller*      Seconded by: *Commissioner Loiacono*

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: *4*                      Nays:                      Absent: *1*                      Abstain:

*Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners  
Fire District No.3 Jackson Township on the 16 day of November 2020.*

*X Wayne Keegan Clerk*  
*Wayne Keegan*