

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO.1

APRIL 8, 2015

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse
Cmsr. Anderson
Cmsr. Evans
Cmsr. Myers

ABSENT: Cmsr. Bovenizer

Minutes: March 11, 2015

Attorney Griswold submitted amended minutes from the March 11, 2015 meeting and those minutes were voted upon.

Motioned by Chairman Morehouse and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed with one absence.

The refinishing of the floor was discussed. The estimate is \$9750 for the engine bay floor, \$4050 for the ambulance bay floor and \$600 for the bull nose totaling \$14400.00. The fire department will be paying for the base for the floor. Three quotes were received for the work, \$20800 from Dur-A-Flex, \$19242 from Engine Bay Flooring and \$14400 from Epoxy Flooring. \$9000 from the 2014 budget has been encumbered and the remaining \$5400 will be from the 2015 budget.

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to proceed with the bid from Epoxy Flooring out of Forked River, NJ.

Motion passed with one absence.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the treasurer's report was made available to each commissioner with a list and description of the bills to be paid. The Chief Financial Officer previously certified that there were sufficient unencumbered funds in the 2014 budget and the 2015 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2014 budget in the amount of \$21289.00 and the 2015 budget in the amount of \$11571.95 for a total of \$32860.95. Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to pay the bills as submitted with one absence.

Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to preapprove the May 1, 2015 payment for Workmen's Compensation in the amount of \$3677.34. Motion passed with one absence.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2015-14

Motioned by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Evans to pass the resolution. Motion passed with one absence.

Ladies Auxiliary-

The Ladies Auxiliary sold Easter plants and 4 blankets at the breakfast and will also be selling flowers for Mother's Day. The Mercer County Ladies Auxiliary will be meeting on May 20th at the Hopewell Fire Department.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration

The pancake breakfast was a success. 588 people paid for breakfast resulting in a profit of \$4074.00.

EMU Report—

There were 32 calls in March, 20 in Hopewell Township, 8 in Hopewell Borough and 4 in East Amwell with one scratch. An issue arose on the scene of a call in East Amwell where their chief questioned the crew as to why they responded to the call. There are also some ongoing issues with Mercer County Central Communications not sending the squad on fire calls. Chief Morehouse is working on resolving the issue. There was a joint FD/EMU officers meeting which went well. It was decided to combine engineers and drivers are still needed.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 28 calls in March, 17 in Hopewell Township, 4 in Hopewell Borough, 2 in Pennington, 2 in Lawrence and 3 in other municipalities with 2 residential fires, 1 commercial fire and 3 motor vehicle accidents. The fire with entrapment on Caroline Drive was discussed. Hopewell Township received some donated furniture and the fire department received a couch from the donation. There have also been a rash of brush fires in the area.

Fire Official Report: On file and a copy was provided to the Commissioners.

Attorney Report: No report from the attorney.

Committee Reports: None

Other Business:

Insurance

There were 2 insurance claims brought before the Board. An EMT hit a deer and the damage was covered by the \$500 deductible and a firefighter was injured on a call which is being covered by Workers Compensation.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Myers and seconded by Cmsr. Anderson unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on May 13, 2015.