

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

AUGUST 12, 2015

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse

Cmsr. Anderson

Cmsr. Myers

ABSENT: Cmsr. Bovenizer

Cmsr. Evans

Minutes: July 8, 2015

Motioned by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Myers to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed with two absences.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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 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 2015 budget in the amount of \$75,505.64 for a total of \$75,505.64. Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to pay the bills as submitted with two absences.

Ladies Auxiliary-

The Ladies Auxiliary are on a summer break. They will resume meeting in September.

EMU Report—

There were 30 calls in July, 17 in the township, 12 in the borough and 1 mutual aid. Chief Morehouse stated that on a Sunday in August the squad had 6 calls and no scratches which he was very proud of the squad. Chief Morehouse is looking to replace the AEDS with Cardiac Science units. The salesman lives in town and would like to donate two of the older models and sell two newer models with better

technology. Attorney Griswold stated three quotes should be solicited before purchase of the new units. It was suggested to request quotes on the specific unit desired and accept the two AED's which are being donated and perhaps put them in the Command vehicle and the other one in the quint. Two alternators were replaced in A152-2 and the dry battery was taken care of with a repair. Chief Morehouse is potentially looking to hold a full EMT class at Station 52. There are 12 people who are interested in taking the class.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 20 calls for the month of July. Upcoming purchases will include \$3000 for a new server and \$6800 for a new fan for Rescue 52. The fire department is also looking to move forward with the tool room renovation including new cabinets, shelving and new tools. Quint 52 needs a hydraulic cylinder repair which will cost in the range of \$1000 to \$7000 depending on the magnitude of the repair. It was decided to go with the company EES who could take the ladder off the truck, rebuild it and put it back on Quint 52. This way the truck would stay in service only as an engine. There should be a long range plan report at the September meeting. Tanker 52 was called to a fire in North Brunswick recently and was there for several hours doing a tanker shuttle. Past Chief John Novak and Assistant Chief Dan Galatro took the truck up to North Brunswick and Assistant Chief Galatro was instrumental in setting up the tanker shuttle. Later the same day Chief Novak went to the scene to take over the water operations. The tanker performed very well and at one point was flowing over 4300 gallons of water a minute. It was estimated that overall 7.5 million gallons of water was used to extinguish the fire at the warehouse. The tanker will be called to more events as the result of the great work provided at the fire. Members of the Board will attend a meeting with East Amwell in order to discuss the response problems mentioned at previous meetings. The meeting should be advertised in both newspapers. Chief Novak will also attend the meeting.

LOSAP

Commissioner Anderson emailed out a report regarding thoughts on the LOSAP report. There are a few different layers to this report. A list must be made of inactive members who are in the LOSAP program but not vested and try to get the money back. Also changes in the point awarding system need to be discussed. There needs to be a general discussion of the policies related to LOSAP and there are also ethical issues related to voting. At the request of Commissioner Myers, Commissioner Anderson will draft a letter to the Board of Ethics for the fire commissioners' review.

Resolutions:

Resolution 2015-21

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to pass the resolution. Motion passed with two absences.

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

Attorney Report: No report from the attorney.

Committee Reports: None

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 8:51. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on September 9, 2015.