

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO. 1

July 8, 2015

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

Minutes: June 8, 2015

There was one correction. On the last page back needed to be changed to bank.

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed with no 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 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 paid from the 2014 budget in the amount of \$12784.00 and the 2015 budget in the amount of \$17244.18 for a total of 30,028.18. Motioned by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Myers to pay the bills as submitted with no absences.

It was decided to zero out the Township LOSAP account on December 31st of each year to account for the payment made.

At the August meeting the last payment for Quint 52 will be paid and a resolution will be read acknowledging the payment.

The bank statement for July had not been received prior to this meeting so the balances on the accounts could not be presented.

Ladies Auxiliary-

The Ladies Auxiliary are on vacation until September.

EMU Report-

There were 18 calls for the month of June. There was an issue with Ambulance 152-1. Every couple of days it required a jump so it had to be sent to PL Custom for troubleshooting. It was determined the problem was a power source and it was repaired. There are some new juniors on the ambulances and they are mostly training with Monday night crew. Four EMT's recertified and several members are interested in going to EMT school in the fall. Chief Morehouse met with Chief Martin and a representative from Cardiac Science regarding AED's. The company would like to demonstrate a new AED to the department and donate two AEDS. Cardiac Science would donate two older models. It was discussed to perhaps put the older models in the Chief truck and the Rescue truck. Also discussed was getting a battery charger external to the ambulances. The need for a new ambulance in 2017 was discussed. If one is needed, it needs to be part of the 2016 budget.

Fire Chief Report-

There were 23 calls for the month of June. A recall was issued for the Tanker and it was being taken care of by the department. Three people graduated from Fire Fighter One class in the top 50% of the class.

Attorney Report:

Attorney Griswold received an email regarding the FEMA grant for the radios requesting the 3rd quarter NIFRA's report. Deputy Mullen reported he normally does this report. He is also working with the Township to combine the NIFRA's reports. Deputy Chief Mullen was also given the go ahead to make server related purchases.

Commissioner Anderson brought up the subject of the LOSAP report released from the NJ Comptroller. This report focused on municipality LOSAP not fire districts. Chairman Morehouse assigned Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Myers and Commissioner Bovenizer to review and analyze the report to see if any action needed to be taken.

Commissioner Bovenizer talked to the Chairman of the East Amwell Board of Fire Commissioners. The Chairman stated in previous years their commission had issued checks to Hopewell Borough BOFC in the amount of \$600 which were not cashed so they discontinued the checks. It was also discussed that the chiefs of the fire department should work together to negotiate an agreement. It was proposed to see if in the upcoming budget cycle East Amwell would include an amount for Hopewell BOFC. It was decided to keep Commissioner Bovenizer as the contact on this issue and

Chief Novak should initiate a meeting with the East Amwell chief to discuss the tactical problems. The commissioners are looking for an amicable resolution.

Resolution 2015-19

The resolution was to approve the fire department selling excess radio equipment on a government auction website.

Motioned by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to approve the resolution. The motion and the resolution were passed unanimously. Once everything is in place an ad will be placed in the newspaper and the auction will run for 10 days.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Anderson the board unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:45. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on August 12, 2015.