

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

JUNE 10, 2015

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse

Cmsr. Bovenizer

Cmsr. Myers

ABSENT: Cmsr. Evans

Cmsr. Anderson

Minutes: May 13, 2015

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer 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 \$50,828.88 for a total of \$50,828.88. Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers to pay the bills as submitted with two absences. As discussed at the May meeting, a Cash Asset Summary was submitted into the record which reflected the balances of the bank accounts.

Ladies Auxiliary-

Hopewell Fire Department hosted the Mercer County Ladies Auxiliary meeting on May 20th. About 41 women attended the event. All the projects the Ladies have been working on are complete and they will not be meeting until September. The next meeting of the Mercer County Ladies is on June 17, 2015.

EMU Report—

There were 25 calls in May with no scratches. Chief Novak and Past Chief Springer received an award and a letter of acknowledgement from Hopewell Township for their actions using Narcan on an overdose call on Sunday May 24th. The parade was a success. There was a small issue with 152-2. The battery overheated and a new battery was required. The student who was in Pennington's EMT class passed the state EMT test. There are also a few new trainees ranging in age from 16-40. Chris Jones is in charge of the cadet and training program and he is doing a great job. The squad is doing a good job getting crews out during the day.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 24 calls in May, 11 in Hopewell Township, 6 in Hopewell Borough, 6 in Pennington Borough including 2 car fires and a smoke condition and one call elsewhere. An RV caught on fire at World Water. When the fire department arrived the RV was smoldering as the majority of the fire was knocked down by bystanders so what was left was overhaul. The cause of the fire was traced back to overheated batteries. There was a dwelling fire on Center Street. The police were unable to breach the front door but once the fire department arrived the fire was knocked down within minutes however during overhaul fire was found in the eaves. Several birds, dogs and cats perished in the fire and 4 birds were saved. Several companies from both inside and outside of the county responded for the fire. A piece of equipment from Somerset ran over a portion of the sidewalk so that will have to be fixed. A new mast is being attached to the antenna and the siren controller will be installed shortly. The Epoxy floors have been completed and will be paid at the next meeting. The tables which are used at the pancake breakfast are being donated to the school district and from now on the white tables will be used for the breakfast. Tanker 52 was leaking because a bolt came out, however it has been fixed. The MSA contractor used to buy the air packs has switched to Scott Air so the fire department is waiting to hear about a new representative. At the July meeting a resolution regarding the auctioning of surplus radios will be presented.

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:

It was decided that the LOSAP account should be closed out in its entirety and merge the leftover amount into the general fund.

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers to close the account. Motion passed with two absences.

Commissioner Bovenizer was charged with going to the bank and closing out the account.

Olivia Obst won both the \$500 9th district scholarship and the \$500 scholarship from the fire department to further her education.

Commissioner Bovenizer will be going to the next meeting of the East Amwell Fire Commissioners to try to talk to them about the amount of mutual aid the fire department provides to East Amwell. A meeting has been proposed by Chief Novak to go over vehicle purchase projections. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 18th and Commissioner Bovenizer will attend the meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:24 with two absences. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on July 8, 2015.