

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO.1
MARCH 11, 2015

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

ABSENT: Cmsr. Morehouse

Oath of Office: Attorney Griswold swore in the reelected fire commissioners, Commissioner Bovenizer and Commissioner Evans.

Reorganization of the Board: Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to keep the same positions as in the previous year. Motion was passed with one absence. The positions are as follows:

Chairman: Sky Morehouse

Vice Chairman: Mel Myers

Secretary, LOSAP, Public Records Custodian: Dave Anderson

Treasurer, CFO: Paul Evans

Fire and EMU Liaison: Mark Bovenizer

Resolution 2015-012 Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Evans to designate Commissioner Bovenizer as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for calendar year 2015. Motion and Resolution passed with 1 absence.

Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public present.

Minutes: February 11, 2015

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Evans to accept the minutes as printed. Motion was 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 \$600.00 and the 2015 budget in the amount of \$20162.97. Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Evans to pay the bills as submitted. Motion was passed with one absence and payment was approved by roll call vote. Commissioner Myers abstained from approving one of the bills which was made out to him.

Ladies Auxiliary:

The meeting scheduled for February 18th was cancelled due to the weather. The Ladies assisted with refreshments for the funeral for one of their members, Regina (Jean) Kuntz Lewis. They will be selling flowers and blankets at the company breakfast on Palm Sunday.

EMU Report:

There were 26 calls in February for the EMU, 15 in the township, 10 in the borough, and 1 in East Amwell with 2 scratches. There was a major motor vehicle accident which occurred on March 7th which resulted in 2 fatalities and 3 patients flown out by helicopters. Mutual aid ambulances came into assist and all in all operations went smoothly. Chief Morehouse spoke to everyone present on the scene to make sure everyone was psychologically ok regarding the call and everyone seemed to be dealing with it.

Fire Department Administration:

No one was present from the administration to provide a report to the Commissioners.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 20 calls for the fire department in February. Notable fires included a truck catching on fire with extension at Hopewell Township Department of Public Works, 2 residential fires one being on Model Ave and the other one on Coltswald Lane, and Tanker 52 went to the fire at Sergeantsville Inn. An Epoxy floor company came to the firehouse to look at recoating the floors and gave an estimate of \$9750 for the engine bay floor, \$4050 for the ambulance bay floor, and \$600 for the bullnose doors. The fire company will be paying for the flooring of the conference room as well as the base, as the fire commissioners have no need for the base and it may be prudent to save money for equipment. This issue will be tabled until April's meeting due to the fact that it is proving to be difficult

finding companies who perform this type service to provide competitive quotes. Chief Novak is in the process of setting up a meeting with East Amwell's chief. Life member Warren Lewis passed away and the viewing is on Monday March 16. Members of the fire department will attend the viewing.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Griswold reported the budget passed by a vote of 20 to 3 and appropriate notifications were sent to the borough and the state.

Other Business:

LOSAP:

The cost of living for LOSAP has been increased 1 percent for the 2014 entitlement. The list of eligible members was posted on February 13, 2015 and the 30 day review period will expire on March 13, 2015. To date, there have been 2 changes in points resulting in a step increase. The total amount as of this meeting is \$87135.15, with the Borough's portion being \$28140.55 and the Township's portion being \$60994.60. This may change should there be further questions by members and pending final verification. Currently the Board is approving payment up to \$28140.55, contingent on no further issues arising as the result of member review. If there are further objections, those people's contribution will drop out of the bulk payment proposed for approval tonight while numbers are verified and will be paid at a later date.

Resolution 2015-13 Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to authorize a periodic CPI adjustment to the 2014 LOSAP awards and to submit payment to the plan provider. Motion and Resolution passed with one absence.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Evans approved the meeting adjourned at 8:21. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on April 8, 2015.