

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

**November 4, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Cmsr. Morehouse

Cmsr. Bovenizer

Cmsr. Anderson via telecommunication

**ABSENT:** Cmsr. Evans

Cmsr. Myers

Prior to the Call to Order speaker-telephone communication was established with Commissioner Anderson, who identified himself and confirmed that he could hear everyone in the room.

Those present verified that they could hear Commissioner Anderson.

**Call to Order:** The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 pm by Commissioner Morehouse following proof of publication in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was given through the Annual Meeting Notice and was filed with the municipal clerk, posted at the municipal building, the Board's office, and advertised in the official newspapers of the district as required by law. Further, advertising and delivery of special meeting notice and public posting as required for a special vote of taxpayers was provided.

**Minutes:** October 14 2015 - These minutes were not approved as there were changes to be made and not all commissioners were present to review the changes.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Special Vote of Taxpayers:** Commissioner Morehouse announced the purpose of the special vote of taxpayers being held at this meeting and opened the polls at 7:30 pm. The public questions ask for approval to include the following in the capital outlay section of the 2016 budget: \$18,000.00 to refurbish the emergency lighting system and other elements of a 1998 ambulance; \$32,000.00 to purchase Hurst extrication tools and to refurbish older extrication tools already owned by the district.

**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 \$17,425.11 for a total of \$17,425.11. Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.

**Ladies Auxiliary-**

No one was present to give the report.

**EMU Chief Report:**

There were 21 calls for the month with one scratch. There were 11 calls in Hopewell Township, 7 calls in Hopewell Borough and 2 calls in East Amwell. The equipment is running well.

Chief Morehouse stated that once the new AED's are purchased the Phillips AEDS will be traded in. One AED would go in Chief 52's vehicle and one would go in the Quint. Chief Morehouse is trying to get more people lined up for EMT training however time and money seem to be the biggest obstacles to providing training.

**Fire Chief Report:** There were 29 calls in November with 3 residential structure fires. This continuance of calls is providing good morale for the fire department. Quotes will be solicited for gear racks for the junior members and the 3 quotes will be sent through to Commissioner Bovenizer. Quint 52 experienced a problem with bucking and will be looked at in the future by Four Lanes.

**LOSAP:** Discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

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

**Attorney Report:** Attorney Griswold sent a proposed agreement for fire protection to East Amwell and the fire district is awaiting a response.

**Long Range Plan:** Commissioner Bovenizer made a Google spreadsheet regarding the long term plans for apparatus and shared the spreadsheet with all the Valley Chiefs as well as the Commissioners.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Resolution 2015-25:**

On a motion by Commissioner Bovenizer and a second by Commissioner Anderson, the Board passed the resolution unanimously. This resolution regarded the allowance to sell surplus radios on a government auction site. The auction will start on November 20 and the minimum amount accepted will be \$1000.00.

**Closed session:**

**Resolution 2015-27:**

On a motion by Commissioner Bovenizer and a second by Commissioner Anderson, the Board passed the resolution authorizing a closed session.

Open session resumed.

### **Special Vote of Taxpayers Results:**

The special election was closed at 9:00pm, the ballots were counted and the results certified by the Clerk as follows:

To raise \$18,000.00 in the 2016 budget to refurbish the ambulance lighting system, etc.: 8 Yes- 0 No

To raise \$32,000.00 in the 2016 budget to purchase and refurbish Hurst extrication tools: 8 Yes- 0 No

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Anderson unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 9:18. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on December 9, 2015.