

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

August 10, 2016

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse

Cmsr. Bovenizer

Cmsr. Evans

ABSENT: Cmsr. Davies

Cmsr. Myers

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 compliance 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.

Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer the July 13 , 2016 open session meeting minutes were approved.

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 2016 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2016 budget of \$16,790.96 including a payment to Liberty Mutual for \$4093.50 on 7/22/16. Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Evans to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.

The new rescue truck was discussed. Once the contract is signed with Hopewell Township, the Commissioners will apply to go before the Local Finance Board again to get approval to finance the

truck. The down payment money is available now and the contract with the vendor may not be signed until February.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

There was no fire department administration present at the meeting to give a report.

Ladies Auxiliary-

The Ladies Auxiliary is still on their summer hiatus.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 25 calls for the month of July with one scratch. Getting a crew together in the summer is difficult due to people being on vacation. There were no major incidents aside from a head on collision which resulted in minor injuries. The vehicles are running well but there does seem to be an issue with one of the batteries. It has been suggested that the paid driver run the trucks for 10 minutes every day to prevent the batteries from draining. There is an electrical problem with the Jeep which is being investigated. Chief Morehouse is looking to buy new High Visibility Jackets and he had to purchase new suction units.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 37 calls in July. A large storm came through town which accounted for the increase in call volume for the month. A new E-One service vendor was introduced from Lancaster and they sent a representative out to look at Quint 52 and troubleshoot some of the issues with the truck. The representative was able to fix about 70% of the issues with the truck and provided phenomenal service to the fire company.

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

Committee Reports

The contract with Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners was discussed. The contract was sent back to the Borough Commissioners with some slight changes on wording within the contract. These changes were minor and it was decided to proceed with the contract.

Resolution 2016-31

On a motion by Commissioner Evans and a second by Commissioner Bovenizer the resolution was passed accepting the new contract with Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners and authorized Chairman Morehouse to sign the contract when received by the Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Evans approved the meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on September 14, 2016.

